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FISCAL YEAR 2015 ADJUSTMENTS TO RETIRED/RETAINER PAY, SURVIVOR ANNUITIES AND PREMIUMS

The following Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs) are effective December 1, 2014, based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) through the third quarter calendar year 2014. The term "retired pay" includes retainer pay and the term "members" includes former members.

COLAs for Retired Pay

1. The retired pay COLA for those who first became a member of a Uniformed Service before September 8, 1980, is specified according to the effective date of their retirement, as follows:

Retired Pay Based on Rates of Pay Effective:	Percent Increase	10 U.S.C. Authority
Before January 1, 2014	1.7 percent	1401a(b)(2)
January 1 - December 31, 2014	1.7 percent	1401a(c)

2. The retired pay COLA for those who first became a member of a Uniformed Service on or after September 8, 1980, is specified according to the effective date of their retirement, as follows:

Retirement Effective:	Percent Increase	10 U.S.C. Authority
Before January 1, 2014	1.7 percent	1401a(b)(2)
January 1 - March 31, 2014	1.7 percent	1401a(d)
April 1 - June 30, 2014	1.3 percent	1401a(d)
July 1 - September 30, 2014	0.1 percent	1401a(d)
October 1 - December 31, 2014	0.0 percent	1401a(d)

3. The retired pay COLA for those who first became a member of a Uniformed Service on or after August 1, 1986, who elected to receive a career status bonus under the provisions of section 354 of title 37 United States Code is specified according to the date of their retirement as follows:

Retirement Effective:	Percent Increase	10 U.S.C. Authority
Before January 1, 2014	0.7 percent	1401a(e)
January 1 - March 31, 2014	0.7 percent	1401a(e)
April 1 - June 30, 2014	0.7 percent	1401a(e)
July 1 - September 30, 2014	0.0 percent	1401a(e)
October 1 - December 31, 2014	0.0 percent	1401a(e)

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CO's Corner –

By the time you are reading this, the 2014 Holidays will be behind us and the Coast Guard will be operating a new pay system - Global Pay - which will replace the legacy Joint Uniform Military Pay System (JUMPS). It has been an interesting journey and a lot of sweat equity has been put into developing, testing, and training to the new system. For USCG/PHS/NOAA retirees, not much will change; for USCG and NOAA active duty members, however, all pay processes and procedures we have known for the past three decades will completely change. Once the system stabilizes, I am confident we will have a much more robust and flexible system which will allow us to greatly improve pay accuracy and service to our customers. We don't expect any of you will notice the change in your monthly retired pay, but please contact us if problems occur.

This issue of the Retiree Newsletter is our annual pay and COLA update edition. You will find answers to many 2015 pay adjustment questions as well as the plethora of useful information you have come to expect. Additionally, I am pleased to bring to your attention a recent Coast Guard partnership with FEMA who is looking for retirees interested in serving part time in the FEMA Reserve program. Page 9 has additional information as well as points of contact should you be interested.

Being a Cutterman, I always enjoy a good nautical quote, especially one that can be tied to a lesson in leadership. One of my favorites, which I'm certain many of you are familiar with, comes from an editorial in the Wall Street Journal on 14 May 1952, "On The Collision of Wasp and Hobson":

"On the sea there is a tradition older even than the traditions of the country itself and wiser in its age than this new custom. It is the tradition that with responsibility goes authority and with them accountability. ...for men will not long trust leaders who feel themselves beyond accountability for what they do. ...And when men lose confidence and trust in those who lead, order disintegrates into chaos and purposeful ships into uncontrollable derelicts."

I hope you all have a great New Year!

Regards,

CAPT Stuart Lebruska
Commanding Officer
USCG Pay and Personnel Center

ON THE COLLISION OF THE WASP AND HOBSON

Editors note: for a complete review of the Wasp/Hobson collision you may want to visit: <http://cdm16099.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/compoundobject/collection/p16099coll15/id/4774>

Editors note: For the Judge Advocates Report, please visit: <http://www.jag.navy.mil/library/investigations/hobson%20wasp%201952%20pt%201.pdf>

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REUNIONS AND NOTICES

Calling all LORANIMALS –The last of the US LORAN Stations have been shut down. Come and join us at: www.Loran-history.info. The web site remembers the Coast Guardsmen who served aboard Loran-A, Loran-C stations and other Loran billets worldwide. These dedicated Coasties are but a few who provided radio navigation signals to millions of navigators. Hosted by CPO Joe Jester, USCG (ret) and MCPO Bill Dietz, USCG (ret).

The **METRO MILWAUKEE MILITARY HISTORIANS**, a group of ex-military and retirees from all services that meet monthly in the Grafton, Wisconsin VFW building are looking for someone that served in SQUADRON ONE and would like to be a speaker on this subject. We have had great speakers from all branches of service but never from the Coast Guard who were involved in any war conflicts. Anyone interested can contact me at wterpstra@wi.rr.com (Wayne Terpstra, CWO-4 retired).

USCGC MACKINAW sailors and all other interested parties may be interested to know that the ship, though decommissioned in 2006, now resides at her namesake home of Mackinaw City, Michigan, and is open for public tours and group events. Visit her at the museum website: <http://www.themackinaw.org/>

COAST GUARD SHIPS & ALASKA BERING PATROL REUNION. This reunion will be held at the Circus Circus Reno, NV 3-7 May 2015. Contact Doak Walker by phone at (907) 789-2579, by fax at (907) 789-2780 or email at: allships33@gmail.com. You may also visit our website at: www.255wpg.com.

GRAND CANYON CHAPTER OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION was established as its own chapter on July 16, 2012 with the approval of the national MOAA Board of Directors. It now has 81 members and publishes its own newsletter, The Canyon Echo. To read a copy of the newsletter and to learn more about this chapter visit their website at: <http://www.moaa.org/chapter/AZ11>. You may also call Colonel (ret) Peter Kloeber at (928) 525-0585.

THE GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL is growing but we have room for a lot more Coast Guard retirees and annuitants. Come aboard and join the crew! If you are interested in participating or have questions, contact Mike Kelly, LCDR (Ret) at mike1940@centurytel.net or Keith Livingstone, MCPO (Ret) at bassbolt@yahoo.com.

TRACEN YORKTOWN Retiree Council office is located in the lobby on the first floor of Steuben Hall. Office hours are 0800-1400 Monday thru Wednesday or by appointment. Telephone (757) 856-2136 or e-mail us at: www.cgretireeyktn.com. Our retiree luncheon is held at 11:30 AM on the second Wednesday of each month in the Port of York. Feel free to join us for breakfast at 6:30 AM every Wednesday in the galley.

Coast Guard Activities, Europe Facebook Page. Any former members of Coast Guard Activities, Europe Loran C Operations (July 1995 and prior) ACTEUR in London and including Estartit, Lampedusa, Sellia Marina, Sylt, Karagarburn are welcome to join our Facebook page "Coast Guard Activities Europe" and share their memories.

Informal Captains Luncheon. In keeping with a tradition started by RADM Al Manning more than 30 years ago, Coast Guard Captains in the Los Angeles area gather for an informal luncheon on the second Wednesday of every month. Captains in the area are cordially invited to attend. Should you wish to be included on the mailing list, you may advise the mess treasurer, CAPT John H. (Jack) Guest at jack@guestgroup.com.

The **Cactus Coast Guard** meets three times a year in the Phoenix, AZ area for brunch and camaraderie. All former, active duty, reserve and retired Coast Guard members are welcome. We have an active e-mail list so please respond by same to artgbeard@aol.com. No e-mail, contact SKCM Art Sloane, USCG, Ret., (480) 802-6810.

All eight **Omega Stations** were shut down Sep 30th, 1997. If you were stationed at either of the two Coast Guard Manned Stations (LaMoure ND, Kaneohe, HI) or with the **Omega Navigation Systems Operations Detail** (ONSOD) and/or the **Omega Navigation Systems Center**, we would like to hear from you with respect to your thoughts and experiences. Check out the website: <http://www.Haikuvalley.com> or email CPO Matthew Bezayiff (ret) for further info at mbezayiff@icloud.com

HAWAII COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL will meet at 1900 to 2100 at Club 14, Sand Island the second Wednesday of every August, November, February, and May. Contact CAPT Schultz at rschultz369@gmail.com or BMCS Dutton at DuttonM003@Hawaii.RR.Com if you have any questions.

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REUNIONS AND NOTICES

Attention retirees in the 9th District:

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Bill Schmidt the new Retiree Services Director for Base Cleveland as per the Coast Guard Retiree Services Program, COMDTINST 1800.5_. My AOR as the director for Base Cleveland is the boundaries of the Ninth Coast Guard District. I can be used as a point of contact for retiree information. I can be reached at (216) 902-6355 and William.A.Schmidt@uscg.mil. I would also like to start a list of CG retirees in the D9 AOR to disseminate information for retirees from myself, D9, Ninth District Retiree Council and MWR. If you would like to be on this list please send your phone number and e-mail address to me at the email listed above.

Those interested in joining the membership of the **FIRST COAST, COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL**, Jacksonville, FL please contact YNCM Bobby Wester, USCG (Ret), at: BWester2549@aol.com

COAST GUARD INVESTIGATIVE ASSOCIATION (CGIA)

is a professional organization whose purpose is to further camaraderie, friendship and professional working relationships among former and present CGIS and CGI Special Agents and Investigators, Security Managers and Intelligence Officers. We hold annual conventions in order to swap "war" and "sea" stories while renewing old friendships and making new ones. We currently have approximately 150 members and hope to grow. Anyone interested in applying for membership can view the association web page at:

www.coastguardinvestigativeassociation.org

Attention retirees in or having served in District 13:

We invite you to affiliate with the Coast Guard Retiree Council Northwest! We keep you in touch with fellow retirees, benefit news and what's happening in the active Coast Guard. No heavy lifting required. Check out our website at <http://www.cgretirenw.org>. If you'd like to receive our E-mail newsletter, please send your contact information (include email) to feedback@cgretirenw.org.

The Base New Orleans Retiree Council is now over 70 members strong and looking for more to help serve retirees in the 8th District and the Base. POC is Jim, the Volunteer Director at james.r.montgomery@uscg.mil or (985) 246-9483. It meets the second Wednesday of each month, alternating business meetings and social events. The Base St. Louis Retiree Council, focusing on the northern portion of the District, has PERS2 Tom Fairley as its Active Duty Coordinator at: thomas.e.fairley@uscg.mil

The **KEEPERS OF THE PATOS LIGHT LIGHTHOUSE** friends group would like to announce their intention to raise funds for the return and installation of the American Flag and Flagpole to Patos Island. The flag and pole will be installed, hopefully, by the end of the year. A fundraising effort is underway. Donations can be sent to: c/o Keepers of the Patos Light, "Flag Fund" and sent to this address: PO Box 518, Lopez Island, WA 98261. All donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged by an invitation to the island for the dedication ceremony.

Linda Hudson
President, Keepers of the Patos Light
A 501C3 non-profit organization

The National Capital Region (NCR) Chapter of the Coast Guard Cuttermen Association encourages any active, retired, and former CG Cuttermen in the DC area (officer and enlisted) to become involved in your local chapter. This chapter was commissioned approximately one year ago and is looking to expand our membership. For more information see **Cuttermen Association** website at: <http://www.cuttermen.org/>
NCR Chapter President: CAPT Matt Gimple, USCG can be reached at: matthew.j.gimple@uscg.mil or gimplemj@gmail.com.

The Pensacola Coast Guard Retiree Council & Coast Guard Friends & Family organizations jointly meet on the second Thursday of each month from 5-9 P.M. at the Golden Corral restaurant (located at the corner of 9th Ave. and Langley Ave. in Pensacola, FL). Folks of all Coast Guard affiliations are welcome. We enjoy your fellowship and sharing of your Coast Guard experiences. For more information, please call Bill Hayden. Phone: (850) 554-3858 or email to: coastguardfamily@yahoo.com.

Shipmates of the **USCGC CONFIDENCE/ACTIVE**, we are working on a reunion sometime possibly this year. If you were on these cutters between 1984 and 1989 contact Russell Pogue at rpogue63@gmail.com. If you are on FACEBOOK look for Connie/active reunion and friend us. USCGC ACTIVE (WMEC 618) appears below. Photo courtesy of the USCG Historians Office.



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REUNIONS AND NOTICES

2015 PRINSENDAM RESCUE REUNION - "Calling on all former Shipmates, Aviators, and personnel stationed ashore who assisted in the rescue of 519 passengers and crew aboard the burning Dutch Cruise Ship Prinsendam on 4 - 5 October 1980 in the Gulf of Alaska." If you or someone you know was attached to any of the below listed units during the rescue and/or subsequent sinking of the Prinsendam and are not listed on my roster "I Want To Hear From You": USCGC BOUTWELL - USCGC MELLON - USCGC WOODRUSH - USCGC BITT - USCG Air Stations Kodiak and Sitka - USCG Support Center Kodiak - USCG Marine Safety Offices Valdez and Juneau - PACAREA - CCGD17 - CCGD13 - CCGD12 - USCG CAMPAC - USCG Communication Station Kodiak - USCG Group Ketchikan - Elmendorf Air Force Base - Royal Canadian Air Force/Canadian Air Force - Alaskan Ham Radio Operators - Yakutat Fire Department - U.S. Tanker Williamsburgh - C/V SOHIO Intrepid - C/V Portland - Dutch Cruise Ship Prinsendam (Crew & Survivors)

Our Fourth Annual Reunion will be celebrated with activities beginning on Friday, 2 October through Sunday, 4 October 2015 in Seattle, Washington to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of "One of the Greatest Sea Rescues in Coast Guard History". A special invitation is also extended to rescued passengers and crew aboard the Prinsendam. If you require the assistance of a Stokes Litter to get that sorry caboose of yours out of Charlie Status one will be provided at no cost. Note: Subsequent and additional charges for transport via the new Coast Guard HITRON Helicopter may apply.

Contact YNCS Stan Jaceks, USCG, (Ret) by email at: stanley2421@localnet.com Phone (509) 760-4866 (c) to become a member of our Association, make a reservation or get additional information.

CENTRAL FLORIDA COAST GUARD CLUB. The Coast Guard Club of The Villages will hold our 5th annual celebration of the Coast Guard's birthday on August 1st. Mark your calendar. The event will be open to one and all and will feature a catered buffet and live entertainment. If you have not attended previous events, email uscgbirthday@aol.com to get on our mailing list and you will receive future updates. Membership in the Club itself is open to all Coast Guardsmen who have served and live in The Villages. We meet four times a year at the Coconut Grove Recreation Center, 1398 Stillwater Trail, The Villages, Florida 32162. Meetings start at 1830. Our first 2015 meeting will be held on February 11, 2015 with meetings to follow on April 8, June 10 and September 10. For more info about the club contact: ohowell317@gmail.com.

COAST GUARD AIR (AKA COSMIC AIR) REUNION. We will hold our annual Coast Guard Air (AKA "Cosmic Air") reunion on 17 - 22 May 2015. The event will be held at the Silver Legacy Hotel/Casino in downtown Reno, NV. We have a block of rooms set aside at the cost of \$78.97/night which includes all resort fees and taxes. For room reservations contact the hotel at 1-800-687-8733 and request group code USCG15. The cost of the banquet has not yet been determined; however, you can expect it will be close to the previous cost of \$42.00. If you need further information or a signup sheet contact Roger Schmidt, rogngina@sbcglobal.net (925)548-3256 or Linda Ethridge at LEther7294@aol.com. Note that these dates are one day later than we have had it in the past. This was due to a large number of High School graduations and Proms booked into the hotel during the weekend. Our event begins on Monday with the banquet on Wednesday.

POINT OF INQUIRY. We are writing a story for publication about the History and modernization and updating of US Lighthouses and ATONS from 1945 - 1975 and would like to interview anyone who has experience with the USCG during those years, especially east coast around 1960. Of particular interest is the official policy concerning the disposition of the obsolete equipment and instructions to personnel on disposal of Lighthouse lenses and obsolete ATON's. Please email or call - steve@chestnutdev.com or 810-599-5147.

USCGC YOCONA (WMEC 168) REUNION. If you are interested in attending or helping to organize a reunion for the YOCONA please contact the numbers below. We are seeking anyone who has ever served during its tenure in the Coast Guard. Networking is a must: if you know anyone who was part of the crew please contact them and let them know that a reunion is on its way. Tentative dates and locations are listed below as well as contacts. Please call with your recommendations or any information that may be helpful. A possible retirement ceremony for the ship may be organized with this reunion.
DATES: September 18th, 19th and 20th 2015 (tentatively)
Where: Astoria, Oregon

Point of contacts are:

Dave Caton: (BM) dbcaton28@yahoo.com, (503) 440-3195 (cell) or (360) 761-7425 (home)

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Jim Long: (QM) longjim99@gmail.com, (707) 672-5579 (cell) or (707) 668-4001 (home)

RETIREE PAYDAYS FOR CY 2015

January 30	June 1	October 1
February 27	July 1	October 30
April 1	July 31	December 1
May 1	September 1	December 31

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COLAs for Survivor Annuities

4. Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan annuities payable on December 1, 2014, under the provisions of subchapter I of chapter 73, title 10, United States Code, to the spouse or child of a member who died on or before March 20, 1974 will be increased by **1.7 percent** (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1434 (e)).
5. Annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) under the provisions of subchapter II of chapter 73, title 10, United States Code, will be increased by the same percentage specified in paragraphs 1, 2, or 3 above by which the retired pay of the person providing the annuity would have been increased at such time if the person were alive and otherwise entitled to such pay. (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1451 (g)).
6. COLAs for supplemental annuities paid to certain low income widows of members who were deceased before November 1, 1953 will be increased **1.7 percent** (Public Law 100-456, section 653(c)).
7. Annuities for Certain Military Surviving Spouses (ACMSS) payable monthly under the provisions of section 644, Public Law 105-85, November 18, 1997, will be increased **1.7 percent** from \$245.85 to **\$250.03** effective December 1, 2014. (ref: P.L. 105-85, sec 644).

Increase in the SBP Low-Cost Premium Threshold

8. Previous amounts with respect to which the 2.5 percent factor of the SBP premium (cost) formula apply will be adjusted effective December 1, 2014, in conjunction with the adjustments in retired pay made under the provisions of section 1401a of title 10, United States Code (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1452(a)(4)(B)). The Defense Finance and Accounting Service will perform necessary calculations to determine actual premiums based on the individual circumstances of each case.
9. The amount with respect to which the 2.5 percent factor of the SBP premium (cost) is applied for participation upon retirement will be increased **1.0 percent effective January 1, 2015**, from \$768.00 to **\$776.00** (premium for this coverage will be **\$19.40** and the breakeven base amount will be **\$1,662.86**). However, these amounts could change if the FY 2015 National Defense Authorization Act alters the expected military pay raise of 1.0 percent. (ref: 10 U.S.C. 1452(a)(4)(A)).

Information relating to non-federal entities is provided via this official Coast Guard newsletter as a matter of general interest to retired Coast Guard personnel. The organizations might engage in fundraising activities. The Coast Guard cannot and does not officially endorse these non-federal entities or their activities, including their fundraising activities. The Coast Guard cannot and does not urge anyone to donate to any non-federal entity.

THE ARMY-NAVY TRANSPLANT PROGRAM AT WALTER REED NATIONAL MILITARY MEDICAL CENTER

The Organ Transplant Service at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center at Bethesda is the only United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS)-certified transplant center in the Department of Defense health care system. Eligible patients include all TRICARE beneficiaries as well as VA patients enrolled at the Washington DC VA Medical Center.

UNOS encourages patients with end-stage organ disease to “dual-list” in more than one region at the same time. This process allows eligible patients to be listed at a transplant center close to home in addition to Walter Reed, thereby increasing chances for organ availability. Patients can be referred to Walter Reed from anywhere in the country or from overseas. The average wait list time at Walter Reed for a kidney transplant is significantly lower compared to the national average (<http://www.srtr.org/>).

With more than 40 years of experience, Walter Reed provides organ transplant services to all beneficiaries with end-stage organ disease. Walter Reed is staffed by board-certified specialists who understand the unique needs of the military patient. “Military health care is a unique benefit earned through your public service, where taking care of our own has been a long and proud tradition,” says Caroline Acker, transplant coordinator.

In addition to kidney transplant services performed at the new Walter Reed facility, Walter Reed transplant surgeons collaborate with the University of Maryland in Baltimore for liver and pancreas transplant and Georgetown University for pediatric transplant services.

The Organ Transplant Service at Walter Reed can be reached at (301) 295-4331 during regular hours or by e-mail at ArmyNavytransplant@mail.mil to assist with the evaluation and treatment of end-stage organ disease.

(Submitted by Wanda Nelson-Smith, Quality Assurance Manager for Army-Navy Transplant Services)

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) COMPENSATION AND YOUR RETIRED PAY

The law requires a dollar for dollar offset of VA compensation against retired pay.

There are two programs that were established to restore the offset to retired pay, one of which is Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP). To qualify for CRDP, the retiree must be rated by the VA at least 50 percent and have 20 years of service unless you retired under the Temporary Early Retirement Authorization (TERA).

There is no application process for this benefit; it starts automatically once the VA award reaches 50% or higher. **Exception to this rule:** If you retire as a Chapter 61 disability with 20 years of service and your longevity percentage is less than your disability percentage, you may or may not be entitled to CRDP.

The other program is Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC). The retiree must apply for CRSC using **DD form 2860**. In order to qualify for this program the disability must be incurred as a direct result of armed conflict, while engaged in hazardous service in the performance of duty under conditions simulating war or through an instrumentality of war. This can be for any disability percentage and less than 20 years of service.

Even if a retiree is in receipt of CRSC or CRDP, the retired pay is still offset for VA. If you are receiving VA compensation and it is not being deducted from your retired pay, you need to contact PPC immediately at (800) 772-8724.

COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The Reunion will be held at the Millennium Hotel in Buffalo, NY., May 17-21, 2015. Two celebrations are on tap: The 30th anniversary of the CGCVA and the 20th anniversary for Port Security Units. A plaque dedication ceremony will be held at the Naval and Military Park on the Buffalo waterfront. Our featured trip is to Niagara Falls. Great Hospitality Suite, Silent Auction and the Awards Banquet await you. For additional information, please contact MCPO (ret.) Mike Placencia at (661) 401-0609 or at cgmastchief22@hotmail.com. Registration details can be found at: coastguardcombatvets.com.

KEEP ACTIVE AFTER RETIREMENT!

By

AUX Ordice Gallups

Member of the USCG Auxiliary

Volunteer Assistant to the USCG Retiree Services Program (CG-13)

After you retire from the uniformed services, it is very important to stay active. Physical exercise will help you feel young; mental exercise also helps. One of the best ways to get this exercise is by volunteering.

There are many worthy agencies and causes for which you may volunteer. Some are local agencies in your town or village, while other causes are national in scope. You may want to consider volunteering with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, like I do. I have served in the Coast Guard Auxiliary for almost 15 years. With the Coast Guard Auxiliary, you can continue serving the public and be recognized for your efforts.



The Auxiliary was initially established as the "Coast Guard Reserves" by an act of Congress in 1939. With the advent of World War II, a reserve force like those of the other armed forces was established and the "old" Coast Guard Reserves was renamed the Coast Guard Auxiliary. As of 2014, the Coast Guard Auxiliary has been working alongside active duty Coast Guard personnel for 75 years.

Members of the Auxiliary may assist the Coast Guard with everything except direct law enforcement and combat. Many of our members help on America's waterways by patrolling in boats owned by members of the Auxiliary. Other members serve as pilots and observers helping with search and rescue as well as other duties. Some help in local sickbays. Some help young Coast Guard enlisted members with their tax returns, help cook or repair plumbing at a small boat station. There is something for everyone!

Why would you want to do this? Primarily, you get to work with the fine women and men of the United States Coast Guard. Personally, I have found I feel younger by working with young people. Many Auxiliarists simply enjoy patrolling with their boats or airplanes. Finally, there is the camaraderie developed between you and your fellow Auxiliarists through the various activities you work on together.

As a member of the USCG Auxiliary, you wear a modified Coast Guard uniform. While we don't have ranks, you may wear your existing ribbons, devices and insignias earned while in the uniformed services—even if you weren't in the regular USCG. Plus you will earn additional ribbons, etc., while in the Auxiliary. We do have "offices" like any other organization. Different offices allow a member to wear "office insignia" much like a rank insignia. As a member you may use the Coast Guard Exchanges and Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities. Also, there are classes you can take to keep expanding your knowledge and skills!

The best place to learn more about the Coast Guard Auxiliary and how to join is by going to <http://join.cgaux.org/>. If you like what you see, come and join us in serving our country.



COAST GUARD AVIATION MEMORIAL AIR STATION ELIZABETH CITY, NC

Coast Guard Aviation marks its Centennial on April 1, 2016—One hundred years to the day when Second Lieutenant Charles E. Sugden and Third Lieutenant Elmer F. Stone received orders to attend aviation training at Pensacola Naval Air Station.

For more on CG aviation history you may visit the historians website at: <http://www.uscg.mil/history/aviationindex.asp> or the memorial (pictured to the left) website at: <https://www.aoptero.org/hm/memorial.htm>

Opportunity to continue to serve--Attention all Retirees!

RADM John Acton (ret) and I are your co-chairs for the Commandant of the Coast Guard National Retiree Council. With the Commandant's concurrence and the assistance of our Retiree Services Program Manager, Mr. Bob Hinds, we have been working with FEMA on an opportunity that I hope many of you will be interested in.

Throughout my CG career I took pride in the fact that the organization that I was a part of was a humanitarian service. Rescue and emergency response are the missions that initially attracted me to the CG and they are largely why I stayed with the CG for an entire career. Now I am retired and I am still interested in service to my fellow citizens. I believe that most of you are also. With that in mind we have worked with FEMA to create a unique and exciting opportunity for retirees called the U.S. Coast Guard Retiree to FEMA Reservist Initiative.

If you are semi-retired or fully retired and have a flexible schedule this part time opportunity may be for you.

FEMA's Reservists are the backbone of FEMA's disaster workforce. If you apply and are accepted you can become a part time FEMA employee and continue to serve the nation by assisting citizens and first responders during disasters or emergency situations. During deployments, your travel expenses will be covered and you will be paid as a FEMA employee.

As a retired Coast Guard member you have special skills and experience. Many of those special skills and experiences correlate closely with the skills needed to be a FEMA Reservist. Again, FEMA Reservists work on a part time basis and are called up during a disaster to augment staffing requirements in support of disaster operations.

FEMA has modified their website to include a section dedicated to the recruitment of Coast Guard Retirees for this exciting program. To learn more about the Reservist-Coast Guard Initiative, visit <https://fema.gov/information-employees/us-coast-guard-retiree-fema-reservist-initiative>

You can also contact the FEMA Call Center at 855-377-FEMA (3362), email FEMA-IWMO-Program@Fema.dhs.gov. The main Incident Workforce Management Division can be contacted at email WMDFrontOffice@Fema.dhs.gov.

If you still have questions after you have looked through the information please feel free to contact me. My email address is charles.w.bowen10@gmail.com. I believe that this will be a great opportunity for retirees to continue to serve... but on a flexible, part time basis.

MCPOCG Skip Bowen (ret)

TRICARE Beneficiaries Will No Longer Receive Mailed Letters for Benefit Updates

TRICARE beneficiaries need to watch their email and ensure they have a MilConnect account to receive information about changes to their TRICARE coverage. The Department of Defense is no longer sending paper letters to notify beneficiaries about changes to their coverage and eligibility status. Beneficiaries will now receive emails or post cards directing them to online resources where they can view their information.

Read more details here: www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/BenefitUpdates/

Sign up for TRICARE e-mail updates at www.tricare.mil/subscriptions

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Editor's note: to acquire a MilConnect account, please visit: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/>

From the Desk of the Retiree Services Program Manager -

I've been in the job as the Retiree Services Program Manager for six months. To help keep the retiree community informed on the program and provide additional information of interest to retirees and their families, annuitants, and survivors, I'll be submitting quarterly articles to The Retiree Newsletter. For this first article, I'll provide a brief program update, including recent activities and plans for the next year:

- The Program framework prescribed in Commandant Instruction (CI) 1800.5G is in place, including the Program Office, full-time civilian program manager, Commandant's National Retiree Council, and Regional Retiree Services Desks and Retiree Councils. CI 1800.5G establishes and describes CG policy concerning the scope, responsibilities, and administration of the retiree services program and is accessible at: http://www.uscg.mil/directives/ci/1000-1999/CI_1800_5G.pdf
- The Commandant's National Retiree Council held its annual meeting in April 2014. The Council's report, including recommendations, is accessible at: <http://www.uscg.mil/retiree/rsp/ccgnrc.asp>. Planning is underway, within available resources, to implement many of the Council's recommendations and for their annual meeting in 2015.
- The CG Force Readiness Command (FORCECOM) completed a program analysis requested by the Retiree Services Program Office and will be assisting in the review/implementation of FORCECOM's recommendations to improve program performance.
- Additional goals/planned activities: Promote "messaging" to help ensure retirees and their family members and survivors are afforded the rights, benefits, and privileges to which they are entitled – as well, to help ensure retirees are kept apprised of CG programs/activities and opportunities to make life-long contributions to them. Employ metrics/measures to continually assess, manage and evolve the program.

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COAST GUARD RESCUES MAN IN BAHAMAS AFTER PLANE CRASHES IN OCEAN

MIAMI, 22 Dec — A man was rescued by Coast Guard aircrews after his plane crashed approximately five miles east of South Bimini, Bahamas, Monday afternoon.

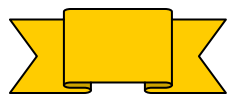
Rescued was David Pedroza, 43, from Boca Raton, Florida.

At approximately 1:50 p.m. watch standers at the Coast Guard 7th District in Miami received a report from the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center of an activated emergency locator transmitter from an overdue Cessna believed to be traveling from Norman Cay, Bahamas, to Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport in Florida.

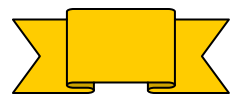
AFRCC reported the plane was last seen on radar descending east of South Bimini Airport in the Bahamas. Coast Guard watch standers diverted an airborne Clearwater, Florida, based HC-130 Hercules airplane crew, who located the submerged aircraft and Pedroza in the water. A Coast Guard Air Station Miami MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew was launched and safely hoisted the downed pilot at 3:36 p.m.

Pedroza was taken to Air Station Miami in stable condition.

(Source: [7th District News Release](#))



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Name	Grade	Date of Retirement
ABARCA, ERIC	OS1	20140901
ABBUHL, STEPHEN	AMT1	20140901
ACTON, JASON	BMC	20140901
ADAIR, MICHAEL	YN1	20140901
ADAMCHICK, TIMOTHY	FSC	20140901
ADKINS, JOHN	AET1	20140901
ALARID, ANTHONY	CDR	20141001
ALLEN, WILLIAM	OSC	20140901
ALLGOOD, SAMUEL	MSSE3	20140901
ALLISON, LARA	CDR	20140901
ALLRED, RANDALL	SKCS	20140901
ALLSTOTT, MARK	BOSN4	20140901
ALVARADORIVERA, ADOLFO	BM3	20141017
AMESCUA, ALBERT	ASTC	20140901
AMOS, MATTHEW	MKC	20140901
ANDERSEN, KENDELL	ENG4	20141001
ANDERSON, BRIAN	DC1	20140901
ANDERSON, KAREN	CDR	20141001
ANGEVINE, JAMES	FSC	20140901
APLIN, DAVID	ET1	20140901
ARAGON, JOSEPH	ENG4	20141001
ARELLANO, MICHAEL	OSS4	20140901
ARMISTAD, MICHAEL	SKC	20141001
ARREDONDO, FELIPE	MEC	20140901
ARRITT, DAVID	CDR	20141001
ARSENAULT, ALAN	CAPT	20140901
ATKINS, DOUGLAS	LCDR	20140901
ATKINSON, JAMES	MEC	20140913
BACHER, PATRICK	LCDR	20140901
BAKER, NATHANIEL	SK1	20140901
BAKER, PHILLIP	AMTCS	20140901
BALYS, KEVIN	AMT2	20140901
BANKER, DOUGLAS	FSCS	20140901
BARNER, MICHAEL	CDR	20140901
BARNES, FRANK	PS2	20141017
BARON, ALLEX	AMT2	20140901
BARR, STEPHEN	BMCM	20141001
BARRICK, KEVIN	AVI3	20140901
BARTOLOMEW, AMY	YNC	20140901
BARTLETT, JOSHUA	BM1	20140901
BARTLETT, DANIEL	SKC	20140901
BARTSCH, BRADLEY	YNCS	20140901
BASCHAB, KURT	EMC	20140901
BAUER, TIMOTHY	SKC	20140901
BAUER, IAN	BMC	20140901
BAUGH, THOMAS	AMTC	20140901
BECK, SHANE	BMC	20140901
BEECHWOOD, JOHN	LT	20141001
BEGAN, JONATHON	BMC	20140901
BELL, ROY	AMT1	20140901
BELLUCHE, ROBERT	MKC	20141001
BELTON, GERARD	MST2	20140901
BENNING, ANDREW	GMC	20140901
BENTLEY, DAMON	CDR	20141001
BERG, MARK	MAT4	20141001
BETTS, KYLE	BMC	20140901
BETZING, JASON	MKC	20140901
BEVERLY, JOSEPH	MEC	20141022
BIAMI, KEVIN	MST1	20140901
BIDWELL, ROBERT	HSC	20140901
BIGBIE, JAMES	BOSN4	20141001
BLACK, ROBERT	MEC	20141109

Name	Grade	Date of Retirement
BLACK, JAMES	AMTC	20140901
BLAKE, DOUGLAS	AMTC	20140901
BOLYARD, GREGORY	MSTC	20140901
BONN, STEVEN	LCDR	20141001
BONNER, CHRISTOPHER	LCDR	20140901
BOOKER, ALAN	ISC	20140901
BOOP, JASON	BMC	20140901
BOOTH, RODNEY	AMTCS	20140901
BOPP, KEITH	ENG4	20141001
BORCZYNSKI, DANIEL	MSSD4	20140901
BORDEN, RICHARD	MK1	20141101
BOUCHARD, KEITH	BM1	20140901
BOWEN, LYLE	EMC	20140901
BOXRUD, TODD	EMC	20141116
BOYKIN, AARON	FS1	20140901
BOYLE, STEVEN	BMC	20140901
BRAESCH, CONNIE	LCDR	20140901
BRAGG, KEVIN	BMC	20140901
BRANNAN, CHARLES	ASTC	20140901
BRENNAN, RUSSELL	FS1	20140901
BRIGGS, WILLIAM	AETC	20140901
BROOKINGS, PHILLIP	CAPT	20140901
BROOKS, SAMUEL	YN1	20140901
BROOKS, JOEL	MKC	20140901
BROWN, DONALD	CDR	20141101
BROWN, JOHN	FSC	20141001
BROWN, DECARLO	MSSE4	20140901
BROWNING, STUART	AETC	20140901
BRYANT, JAMES	LT	20141001
BUCHER, JASON	AMT1	20140901
BUCKLIN, RANDALL	BMC	20140901
BURKE, MATTHEW	BM1	20141001
BURKE, RYAN	MST1	20140901
BURNS, TRAVIS	CDR	20141001
BUSH, CHUCK	BOSN4	20141001
BYNUM, MARCUS	AMT1	20140901
CAMPBELL, KATHLEEN	CDR	20140901
CAMPBELL, ALLEN	AMTC	20141107
CANCEL, JORGE	MK2	20140901
CARLEO, DANIEL	AVI4	20141001
CARROLL, THOMAS	BOSN4	20141001
CARROLL, DONALD	IT1	20140901
CARROLL, RICK	IT1	20141101
CARSON, ANDRE	HS1	20140901
CARTAGENA, ISIDRO	MKCS	20140901
CARTER, JOHN	FS1	20140901
CARVALHO, PEDRO	BM1	20140901
CASTRO, JOSEPH	MEC	20140901
CEVALLOS, MICHAEL	YN1	20141001
CHAMBERLIN, SHERRI	LCDR	20140901
CHANEY, MARK	ETC	20140901
CHASON, JAY	ENG3	20140901
CHAVEZ, LEONARDO	FS3	20140901
CHEATHAM, JOHN	ITCS	20141001
CHIARO, CHRISTOPHER	OSC	20140901
CHILTON, JEFFREY	ISM4	20141001
CICALESE, MICHAEL	CAPT	20141022
CINTRON, MARIA	HS1	20140901
CLARK, COY	LT	20141001
CLARK, PATRICK	CDR	20140901
CLEVERDON, JOHN	YNC	20140901

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CLIBORN,BARRY	BMC	20140901
CLINCY,HERMAN	HS1	20141101
COLE,BARBARA	YNCS	20140901
COLE,JAMES	FS1	20140901
COLEMAN,GERRY	SKCM	20140901
COLICCI,RAYMOND	MSSE4	20141001
COLLIN,BRYAN	OSC	20140901
COLON,OSCAR	YN1	20140901
CONRAD,KEVIN	BM2	20140901
COOK,ROBERT	MKCM	20140901
COOK,LANE	BMC	20140901
COOK,GREGORY	BM1	20140901
COON,PAUL	GMC	20140901
COOPER,CHAD	ME1	20140901
COPELAND,HENRY	MKC	20140901
CORKER,BRIAN	ETC	20140901
CORRIGAN,CELESTE	YN1	20140901
CORRIVEAU,STEPHANE	MEC	20140901
COSTA,TIMOTHY	BMC	20140901
COTTEN,FORRESTINE	SKC	20141127
COULTER,GARY	EM1	20141109
COURTIER,STEVEN	BM1	20140901
COVINGTON,JENNIFER	SKCS	20141001
COWAN,SCOTT	AMTC	20140901
COWGER,DAVID	BM3	20141106
COX,MICHAEL	ISM3	20140901
CRIDER,HUNTER	BOSN4	20140901
CRIMMINS,SPENCE	YN1	20140901
CRISWELL,WILLIAM	YNC	20140901
CRUISE,DAVID	AMTCS	20140901
CUMBO,TIMOTHY	DCC	20141001
CUNNINGHAM,SHELDON	SK1	20140901
DAIGLE,GENE	BMC	20140901
DANNER,JAMES	OSC	20140901
DARDIS,THOMAS	MAT4	20141101
DASILVA,JOSE	ISC	20140901
DAVILA,JOSE	BM2	20140901
DAVIS,JACQUES	FS1	20141127
DAVIS,JOHN	CAPT	20141001
DAVIS,ANTOINE	AET1	20140901
DAWSON,VANDELL	YNC	20140901
DEHLER,ERIC	MK2	20141105
DELACRUZ,SAUL	AMT1	20140901
DELACRUZ,RAOUL	YNC	20140901
DELINSKI,KEVIN	ME3	20141119
DELOSREYES,EDWIN	BMC	20140901
DEMAREST,JACQUELINE	FS3	20140909
DEMERS,CLIFFORD	MKC	20140901
DEQUINE,PHILIP	DCC	20140901
DEVENUTO,ARCANGELO	FS1	20140901
DEVORE,RACHEL	HSC	20140901
DIAZ,SEBASTIAN	YNC	20140901
DICKERSON,CHRISTOPHER	MKC	20140901
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DIKUN,WILLIAM	MECM	20141001
DILA,ERIC	LT	20141001
DILLON,PAUL	YNC	20140901
DOMBKOWSKI,DAVID	MKCS	20140901
DOOLITTLE,BRIAN	AST1	20140901
DORSEY,DAVID	FSC	20140901
DORSEY,BRIAN	OSCS	20141101
DOUCET,KEVIN	AMT1	20140901
DOUGLAS,BELINDA	YN1	20140901
DOWELL,WILLIAM	MKC	20140901
DOWNER,DAVID	MEC	20140930
DOWNEY,SEAN	ME1	20141121
DOWNS,ROBERT	PERS4	20140901
DRACOS,JAMES	BMC	20141001
DRAYER,PETER	FSC	20140901

DUCHESNE,KATHRYN	SKCS	20140901
DUDLEY,MORGAN	BOSN4	20140901
DULEMBA,JEANNIE	BMC	20140901
DULONG,JOSHUA	AMT1	20141001
DUPERIOR,ALLAN	AMT1	20140901
DUPREE,JAMES	MKCS	20140901
DURBIN,JOHN	CDR	20141001
ECKLEY,BRIAN	LCDR	20141001
EGOLF,JODI	HS1	20141001
ELLIOTT,SCOTT	MKC	20140901
EMERICK,THOMAS	ASTC	20140901
EPPS,JERVASE	LT	20141001
ESCOTT,MICHAEL	YNC	20140901
ESKEW,JILL	ETC	20140901
ESTRADA,EDGARDO	BOSN4	20140901
EVANS,ERIC	AMTCM	20141101
EVERHART,DUANE	MSSD3	20141029
FAIR,JAY	LCDR	20141001
FARRELL,MICHAEL	CDR	20141001
FARRINGTON,CHRISTOPHER	BM2	20140901
FELSCHOW,JOHN	ENG3	20140901
FERGUSON,JOEL	MEC	20140901
FERGUSON,MALISSA	YNC	20140901
FERGUSON,CHRISTIAN	CDR	20140901
FIEDLER,DAVID	CAPT	20141001
FIELD,WILLIAM	LCDR	20140901
FIGUEROA,SIXTO	AMT1	20140901
FIKAC,ANTHONY	PERS4	20141101
FISH,PATRICK	OSS2	20141001
FITZPATRICK,ROBERT	MSTC	20140901
FLETCHER,ROBERT	IV1	20141116
FLOOD,PATRICK	MSSD4	20141001
FLOOD,ANGELIQUE	LT	20141001
FLORES,MARK	SKC	20140901
FONTENETTE,DAVID	AMTC	20140901
FONTICOPA,PEDRO	AVI4	20141001
FORD,GREGORY	BMC	20140901
FORTE,HARALD	PS2	20141116
FOSTER,BRANDON	SN	20141106
FOUNTAIN,SHAWN	BMC	20140901
FOWLE,ROSS	BMCM	20141001
FOX,DARRELL	AMTC	20140901
FRANK,DANIEL	BMC	20140901
FREDO,ANTHONY	AMT1	20140901
FREEMAN,ROBERT	GMCS	20141001
GAETANO,MARK	AETCM	20141101
GAGE,ERIC	FSC	20140901
GALLANT,JUSTIN	EMCM	20141101
GALLANT,RICHARD	AETCS	20140901
GALLIVAN,KATHY	OSC	20140901
GALVIN,SCOTT	MKC	20141001
GARCIA,RICARDO	HSCS	20140901
GARCIA,SHAWN	ETC	20140901
GAYLOCK,MARTIN	AMT1	20140901
GEDEMER,GREG	LCDR	20141001
GEHRKE,FRED	MKC	20141003
GELFAND,JASON	LCDR	20140901
GEMBORYS,MATTHEW	ELC2	20141001
GEORGE,JEFFREY	ENG3	20141001
GERALD,CHRISTOPHER	BM1	20141101
GETTMANN,ADAM	BM1	20141101
GIBSON,SCOTT	AETCS	20140901
GILES,GREGORY	FSC	20141001
GILLAND,BRENT	AETC	20140901
GILLIES,ROBERT	OS3	20141106
GINGRICH,MATTHEW	LCDR	20141001
GLOVER,TAMA	AETC	20140901
GOGOLEN,RICHARD	ME2	20141021
GOMEZ,NICHOLAS	ET1	20140901
GOYETTE,STEPHEN	AMTCS	20140901

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GRAY, ROY	ET1	20140901
GRAY, ROBERT	BM1	20140901
GREEN, THOMAS	ENG3	20140901
GREENE, MARITZA	OSC	20141001
GREGORY, KATHRYN	CDR	20141005
GRIDER, JERAMIAH	ET1	20140901
GROSECLOSE, JEFFREY	BMC	20141001
GRUNWALDT, PAUL	DCC	20140901
GUERETTE, JAMES	MSSD4	20141001
GUSTAFSON, TK	AETCS	20140901
HADDOCK, MARTIN	MEC	20140901
HAGAN, PATRICK	OSCS	20140901
HAHN, JOHN	LCDR	20140901
HAIGHT, TROY	AMT1	20140901
HALES, KEVIN	MKCS	20140901
HALL, DAVID	FS1	20140901
HALTER, RONALD	AETCS	20140901
HAM, DEREK	LCDR	20141001
HAMMOND, JAMES	ELC4	20140901
HAMMOND, SCOTT	MSSD3	20141001
HANCOCK, GEARY	AMT1	20141104
HANCOCK, RICHARD	CDR	20140901
HANLEY, DOUGLAS	INV3	20140901
HANSEN, DANIEL	AMT1	20140901
HARDEN, RONY	YNCS	20140901
HARPER, NATHAN	BMC	20140901
HARPER, JAMES	FS2	20140901
HARRINGTON, SHAWN	SK1	20140901
HARRIS, RICHARD	F&S2	20140901
HART, MYRON	AMTC	20140901
HART, LEWIS	ASTCM	20141001
HARTWIG, TODD	SK1	20140901
HARVEY, PATRICK	BMC	20140901
HASCHER, TROY	INV4	20141001
HAUBENSTRICKER, TODD	FSC	20140901
HAYWORTH, PATRICK	YNC	20140901
HAZLETT, RUSSELL	GMC	20140901
HEAD, ARNOLD	BMC	20140901
HEARD, JAMES	MSTCM	20141101
HENDRIX, LANCE	AMTCS	20140901
HENK, SCOTT	EMC	20140901
HENNIGAN, JASON	LT	20140901
HERBERT, MATTHEW	AMTC	20140901
HILBY, KEVIN	AMTC	20140901
HILBY, WILLIAM	YNCM	20140901
HILLMAN, THOMAS	MKCS	20140901
HOCKLEY, LUCAS	AMT1	20140901
HODGE, JOSEPH	DCC	20140901
HOFFMANN, JEFFERY	ITCS	20140919
HOLCOMB, MICHAEL	DCC	20140901
HOLDER, DENNIS	ME2	20140901
HOLLINGSWORTH, JEFFREY	AMT1	20140901
HOLLOWAY, GEORGE	FSC	20140901
HOLMES, PERRY	FS1	20140901
HOLT, JASON	AMTC	20141001
HOOVER, ANTHONY	SKC	20140901
HOPE, JEARDON	PERS4	20141001
HORTON, DANIEL	MKC	20140901
HOSLEY, MICHAEL	YNCS	20140901
HOUCHIN, RICHARD	BMCS	20140901
HOUG, DAVID	BMC	20140901
HOUGHTON, GREGORY	LCDR	20141001
HO-WALLER, JINA	ELC3	20141001
HUBER, BENJAMIN	BMCS	20140901
HUDSON, TIMOTHY	BMCM	20140901
HUGHES, BRIAN	BMC	20141101
HUNT, SCOTT	MSSD4	20141001
HURD, NATHANIEL	EM1	20141126
INGET, RONALD	EMCM	20141001
JACKSON, WILLIAM	SKC	20140901

JACKSON, DORIS	YNC	20141101
JACKSON, KILEY	ISC	20141101
JACOB, ROBERT	BM3	20141120
JARRELL, KEITH	OSS2	20141001
JENSEN, MICHAEL	BMCM	20140901
JOHNSON, CHAD	BMC	20141001
JOHNSON, ELLIS	BMC	20140901
JOHNSON, JAMES	AMT1	20140901
JOHNSON, EUGENE	CDR	20141101
JOHNSON, DANIEL	MAT4	20141001
JOINER, TERRY	BM1	20141001
JONES, LARRY	MSSE4	20141101
JONES, EDWARD	EMC	20140901
JONES, ANGEL	ME3	20140906
KAFORREY, RAYMOND	YN1	20141128
KAPLOWITZ, MICHAEL	EMC	20140901
KAVANAUGH, JOSEPH	IVC	20140903
KEENER, KEVIN	YNC	20140901
KELLEY, DAVID	LT	20140901
KELLY, JOSEPH	CAPT	20140901
KELLY, MICHAEL	FSC	20141001
KENNEDY, JOHN	CDR	20141001
KEOHANE, MICHAEL	AMT1	20141001
KERSEY, RUDOLPH	EMCM	20140901
KETCHUM, JENNIFER	CAPT	20141001
KIHLMIER, JEFFREY	BMCS	20140901
KILROY, BRIAN	AMT1	20140901
KINCE, MELVIN	LCDR	20140907
KIRCHHOF, KENNETH	AETCM	20141001
KLINKEFUS, MICHAEL	AMTC	20140901
KNAPP, EDWIN	DCC	20140901
KNIGHT, SEAN	YNC	20140901
KNIGHT, CHICO	LCDR	20141001
KNOPF, DENNIS	DCC	20140901
KOBLAS, MICHAEL	MKC	20140901
KOCH, ERIC	BMC	20140901
KOEHLER, GARY	CDR	20141001
KOERBER, BRIAN	OSC	20140901
KONCZYNSKI, HENRY	LCDR	20140901
KORY, JAMES	AETC	20140901
KRASS, RODGER	OSC	20141101
KSENZULAK, ANDREW	MKC	20140901
LABRIER, JOHN	BMC	20140901
LAFFELY, KENNETH	AETC	20140901
LATHROP, DOUGLAS	ASTC	20140901
LATTA, DENNIS	YNC	20140920
LAWLEE, JEFFREY	YNC	20140901
LAYMAN, CARL	MKC	20141101
LEBLANC, GAIRY	HS1	20140901
LECAIN, HOWARD	MSSD4	20140901
LEDERER-SYDNOR, CYNTHIA	CDR	20140901
LEDFORD, ERIN	CDR	20141001
LEE, MICHAEL	MSTC	20141109
LEE, BLAINE	AMTC	20140901
LEESE, ERIC	LT	20141001
LEO, VINCENT	EM1	20140901
LESNESKI, ANTHONY	FS1	20140901
LEWIS, GERALD	ETC	20140901
LEWIS, ANDEE	FS3	20141113
LIBBEY, RICHARD	MKCS	20140901
LIPPMANN, MARCUS	ETCM	20140901
LIZARRAGA, DOMINIC	ME1	20141101
LOCICERO, RAYMOND	PERS2	20140901
LOLLIS, TRAVIS	AMT1	20140901
LONG, STEVEN	CDR	20140901
LONG, HAMILTON	ENG4	20141001
LONG, DANIEL	LCDR	20140901
LONGSDORF, JAMES	AMTC	20140901
LOPEZ, EFRAIN	ITC	20140901
LOVE, EDWARD	LCDR	20140830

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LOVETT, ANGELA	YN1	20140901
LOZANO, JOSE	FS2	20140901
LUCERO, RAYMOND	MKC	20141001
LY, BRIAN	LCDR	20141001
LYLES, SONNY	FSC	20140901
LYMAN, RICHARD	AETC	20140901
MACDONALD, GREGORY	AMTC	20140901
MACDOUGALL, PETER	AMTCS	20140901
MACK, LISA	CDR	20140901
MAGNUSON, DERRIK	BMC	20140901
MAHONEY, SEAN	CAPT	20140901
MAINES, DOUGLAS	ETC	20141110
MAISONETT, LOUIS	IV2	20140901
MALAKI, JEFFREY	ETCS	20140901
MALONEY, ALAN	AMTC	20140901
MANANGAN, SORJEN	OSC	20140901
MANNING, MARK	YN1	20140901
MANNION, JEFF	MSSE4	20141001
MARCILLE, ANDREA	CAPT	20140901
MARCY, CHRISTOPHER	CDR	20141001
MAREK, MARTIN	ET2	20141103
MARKERT, DARYL	SKC	20140901
MARKHAM, ANDREW	AMT1	20140901
MARRAZZO, MICHAEL	GMC	20140901
MARSH, DAVID	OSC	20141101
MARSHALL, DENNIS	BM2	20140829
MARTIN, JOHN	LCDR	20140901
MARTIN, GERALD	BM1	20140901
MARTIN, MYRTIS	SK1	20141012
MARTIN, JAMES	MK1	20140901
MARTINEAU, GLENN	CDR	20140901
MARTINEZ, GEORGE	AMT2	20140901
MCCALL, GEORGE	HSC	20140901
MCCARTHY, COLLEEN	BMCS	20140901
MCCLEARY, STEPHEN	CAPT	20140901
MCCONNELL, BRIAN	HSC	20140901
MCDANIEL, DAVID	PS1	20141002
MCDONALD, JEFFERY	YNC	20140901
MCDUGAL, CHRISTOPHER	FS1	20140901
MCGARIGAL, SEAN	BOSN4	20141001
MCGOWAN, JOHN	BMCS	20140901
MCVICKER, IAN	BMCM	20140901
MEDLOCK, JASON	AMT2	20141105
MEENAN, JOHN	ELC4	20141001
MENEFEE, CHRISTIAN	MSSE4	20140901
MERRILL, DONALD	MK1	20140901
MERZ, DENNIS	YNC	20140901
MIDGETTE, MICHAEL	AMT2	20140901
MIESEN, WAYNE	MECM	20141001
MILEY, PETER	BMC	20140901
MILLE, MICHAEL	ASTCS	20140901
MILLER, BRIAN	AVI4	20141001
MILLER, SHAWN	BMC	20140901
MILLS, DANIEL	BM1	20140901
MILSTEAD, ERIC	AVI4	20141101
MILTON, SHAWN	DC2	20140901
MINSON, JANICE	YNC	20140907
MOELLER, JASON	MKC	20141101
MOEN, JOSEPH	YNC	20140901
MOGAVERO, CHRISTOPHER	MEC	20140901
MOHR, KEVIN	CDR	20141001
MOLLOY, RICHARD	CDR	20141001
MONGOVEN, TIMOTHY	MSTC	20141017
MONTGOMERY, JOHN	AVI4	20141001
MONTGOMERY, TYRONE	MKC	20140901
MORIARTY, TIMOTHY	FSC	20140901
MORRIS, THOMAS	MKCM	20140830
MORRIS, RAYMOND	AMT1	20140901

MOSCATELLO, GLEN	LCDR	20140901
MOSHAUER, GLENN	PERS3	20140901
MOSLEY, THURSTON	BMC	20140901
MOTHERSHEAD, EUGENE	ET1	20140922
MOYER, CHARLES	GM1	20141009
MUDGE, PATRICK	AETCS	20140901
MUILENBURG, WAYNE	CAPT	20140901
MURK, DAVID	CAPT	20140901
MURPHY, ROBERT	MST1	20140901
MURPHY, JASON	AETC	20140901
MURPHY, JEFFREY	DC2	20140901
MURRAY, ROBERT	LCDR	20141025
MUSCHELLI, ANTHONY	LTJG	20140913
MYERS, JON	MK1	20140901
NACHLAS, AARON	AMT1	20141101
NAGATA, CARL	CAPT	20140922
NATIONS, COREY	INV2	20141101
NEAL, SHAE	MKC	20140901
NEGRON, JOSE	ME1	20140901
NEHRING, UWE	MLES4	20141124
NELSON, ROBERT	AST1	20140901
NELSON, EILEEN	YN1	20140901
NEPTUN, DANIEL	RADM	20141001
NEWBERRY, WILLIAM	BMC	20140901
NEWBY, JOHN	CAPT	20141001
NGO, PHILLIP	FSCS	20141001
NICODEMUS, LIEL	MKCM	20141101
O'BRIEN, MICHAEL	AMTC	20140901
OCADIZ, JOSE	BMC	20141001
OCON, TRINI	HSC	20140901
OLSEN, ARTHUR	CAPT	20140902
ORTIZ, JORGE	LT	20141001
OSBORNE, ROMAN	FS3	20141113
OTERO, ANDREW	BMC	20140901
OUZTS, LEE	F&S3	20140901
OVERMAN, JOHN	ME1	20140929
OVERMEYER, JAMES	ET1	20140907
OWENS, EDWARD	MEC	20141011
OXENREIDER, PATRICK	INV3	20141001
PAITL, GEORGE	CAPT	20141001
PALMER, DEWAYNE	GM1	20140901
PARE, JOHNPAUL	ET2	20141113
PARKER, BRAD	BM1	20140901
PARKHURST, SCOTT	LCDR	20140901
PARRIS, WILLIAM	LCDR	20140911
PARRISH, JACOB	IT1	20141105
PASCUCCI, NICHOLAS	YN1	20140901
PASSANESI, DOMINICK	LCDR	20141124
PATTERSON, ROY	DCC	20140901
PAYAHSAPE, JOHN	HSC	20140901
PEARSON, STEPHEN	ETC	20140901
PELLISSIER, GEORGE	CAPT	20141001
PESEK, ANTHONY	MSSE4	20141101
PETERSEN, ERIC	MK1	20140901
PETERSON, CRAIG	CAPT	20140918
PETRAT, FREDERICK	AMT1	20140901
PHILLIPS, LISA	BM1	20140901
PHILLIPS, RYAN	AMT1	20140901
PIERCE, TRENT	HSC	20140901
PIERCE, LLOYD	BMCM	20141001
PILAND, CHARLES	BMC	20140901
PITCHFORD, ROBERT	AMT2	20140901
POGUE, TRACY	BM1	20140901
POMERINKE, JOEL	AET1	20141101
POOL, STEPHEN	BMC	20140901
PORTER, BRADFORD	CDR	20140927
PORTER, MARTIN	MK1	20140901
PORTOCK, JAMES	AMTC	20140901
POSGAY, CHRISTOPHER	FS2	20140901

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POWELL, ANTHONY	CDR	20140901
PRIM, WALTER	MKC	20140901
PROFFIT, TYRELL	MK2	20141001
PROPST, MICHAEL	MKC	20140901
QUINONES, AUBREY	ITC	20140901
RAMIREZ, EDWIN	AVI3	20141001
RAMOS, OSCAR	MKC	20140901
RAYMOND, RICHARD	AMT1	20140901
REBENSTORF, KARLTON	DC1	20140901
REED, NICOLAAS	AET1	20141001
REHBERG, JENNIFER	SKC	20141101
REINHART, CHARLES	PA1	20140912
REIS, MARK	FS1	20141001
REISINGER, MATTHEW	BM1	20141101
RENKER, ERIC	BMCM	20141120
RESKO, JASON	MKC	20140901
REYES, ROBERT	ENG3	20141001
REYNOLDS, MARK	CAPT	20141001
REYNOLDS, JAMES	BMC	20140901
RICE, DAVID	BMC	20140901
RICHEY, BRIAN	MKC	20140901
RIPKEY, STEVEN	ITCM	20141101
RIPLEY, DUANE	LCDR	20141001
ROBERTSON, JAMES	BMC	20140901
ROBICHAUX, CHRIS	MKC	20140901
ROBINS, PAMELA	MED2	20140901
ROBINSON, MITZIE	F&S4	20141001
ROBINSON, BRADFORD	OS2	20141121
ROBLEDO, NOE	ENG3	20140901
RODRIGUEZ, JOE	ISM4	20140901
ROGERS, GARRET	MKC	20140901
ROGOWSKI, RONALD	BM3	20141015
RONCHETTI, JOHN	MKCM	20140901
ROSE, ROBERT	HSCS	20140901
ROSS, JANIE	YNCM	20140901
ROUTHIER, THOMAS	CAPT	20141001
ROWE, JEFFERY	AMT1	20140901
RUBLE, MATTHEW	GMC	20140901
RUF, CARLTON	LT	20141018
RUPPART, CHRISTOPHER	AMTCM	20140901
RUSH, SUSAN	SKC	20140901
RUSH, EDWARD	DCC	20141020
RUSSELL, JOSEPH	HSC	20140901
RUSSELL, SCHON	HSC	20140901
RUTTEN, JAMES	BMC	20140901
RUTTIG, MARIA	LCDR	20141001
SAGE, THOMAS	MKC	20141001
SAINDON, MICHAEL	BMCM	20140901
SALATINO, PETER	MST2	20141122
SAMPSON, KENNETH	AMTCM	20141001
SANBORN, MICHAEL	BM1	20140901
SANDIFER, MARCUS	FSCM	20141001
SANTORUM, JOANNA	PERS2	20141101
SANTOS, ATHENA	MED2	20141001
SAWYER, AMANDA	SKCS	20140901
SAYERS, MATTHEW	YN1	20140901
SCARBOROUGH, JONATHAN	ENG2	20141001
SCHIAFFINO, KEITH	AETC	20141001
SCHICKLE, KARL	AMT2	20140901
SCHNARR, DENNIS	YNC	20140901
SCHWABE, ALEX	IT3	20141110
SCHWEIZER, MICHAEL	MSSE4	20140901
SCOTT, MARK	AMTC	20140901
SCOTT, DAVID	AMT1	20140901
SEAMAN, BRIAN	MSTC	20140901
SEGAR-CURETON, KIM	YN1	20140901
SEIFERT, RODNEY	HSCS	20141001
SELTHOFER, KEITH	ENG4	20141101
SGOBBO, JERROLD	CDR	20140901

SHAPLEIGH, JASON	BM1	20140901
SHELTON, NEIM	AMT1	20140901
SHERMAN, ALDRENA	YN1	20140901
SHULL, SHANNON	GMCS	20140901
SHUTLER, TODD	AETCS	20141106
SILVA, DANIEL	YNCS	20140901
SIMBERLUND, CHRISTOPHER	OSCS	20140901
SIMMS, JEFFREY	ENG3	20140901
SISSON, JEREMY	DC1	20140901
SKINNER, JONATHAN	DC2	20140910
SLAUGHTER, JOHN	CAPT	20140901
SLAYMAKER, JAMES	ENG4	20141001
SLEGEL, CHRISTOPHER	ETC	20140901
SMALLING, JOHN	ET2	20141118
SMARDO, BRADLEY	ASTCS	20140901
SMITH, BRANDON	AMT1	20140901
SMITH, MICHAEL	CDR	20141001
SMITH, JONATHAN	EMC	20141101
SMITH, ROBERT	CDR	20140901
SMITH, TRACY	MSTC	20141001
SMITH, MICHAEL	SK1	20140901
SMITH, PAUL	CAPT	20141001
SMITH, STEPHEN	BMCS	20140901
SMITH, ARLEN	MKC	20140901
SMYTH, ANTHONY	SKC	20140901
SNYDER, CHRISTOPHER	MST1	20140901
SONDRINI, TINA	F&S4	20141101
SORENSEN, AARON	BM1	20140901
SORGE, RANDY	MSTCM	20141001
SPADIE, GEORGE	MST1	20140923
SPANN, KEITH	SKCS	20140901
SPEAKS, GLENN	AET1	20140901
SPERDUTO, THOMAS	PAC	20141001
SPRINGER, MATTHEW	MK1	20141001
SPRITKA, WAYNE	BMCS	20140901
SPROAT, BRIAN	ETC	20140901
SPROWL, SCOTT	FS1	20140901
SPRY, DAMEON	MK1	20140901
SPURLOCK, NOEL	DCC	20141011
STECH, WESLEY	BM1	20140901
STEINBRINK, SCOTT	AMTC	20140901
STEVENS, JANET	CAPT	20141001
STEWART, MICHAEL	CDR	20141001
STEWART, TORANO	HSC	20141001
STEWART, KEIRAN	MSTC	20140901
STINE, LARRY	SKC	20141001
STOBINSKI, RAYMOND	AVI4	20141001
STOGSDILL, JOSHUA	EM2	20140903
STOLLE, JAMES	ETCS	20140901
STONE, CHAD	FS1	20140901
STOUT, RICHARD	GMC	20140901
STRAWN, SUZANNE	SKC	20141128
STRICKLAND, EVAN	ENG2	20141001
STUNDTNER, CAROL	CDR	20140901
SULLIVAN, THOMAS	CDR	20141101
SULLIVAN, DAVID	HSC	20140901
SURBER, FRED	PS1	20141011
SURBER, JAMES	LCDR	20141001
SUTHERLAND, MITCHELL	BMC	20140901
SWASEY, MARK	FSC	20140901
SYKES, EDWARD	MSSE3	20141001
SZATKOWSKI, TROY	EMC	20140901
TALASKY, TODD	MSSD4	20141001
TAYLOR, KAREN	CAPT	20141013
TAYLOR, RICHARD	MKC	20140901
THOMAS, JAMES	AMTC	20140901
THOMPSON, EVAN	HS1	20140901
THOMPSON, ARTHUR	MECS	20140901
THOMPSON, BRIAN	CAPT	20141001
THOMPSON, ROBERT	CAPT	20141001

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THOMPSON, WILLIAM	LT	20141110
THOMPSON, MARVIN	BMCS	20141001
THOMSON, JAMES	HSC	20140901
TIMMERMAN, DAVID	MK1	20141106
TIPPINS, TONIA	FSC	20140901
TOMAS, SETH	BMCS	20140901
TORRES, VICTOR	BM3	20141124
TOWNES, RONNIE	SKC	20140901
TRAUTMAN, BENJAMIN	BMC	20141101
TRELFORD, TERRY	CDR	20140901
TRINKO, DAVID	BMC	20140901
TRIPP, MICHAEL	DC2	20141001
TROUT, ANTHONY	ASTCS	20140901
TRUE, TYLER	BMC	20140901
TRULIN, DAVID	AMTC	20140901
TUCKER, STEVEN	AETC	20140901
TUCKER, STEVEN	MSSE4	20141001
TUITE, JOHN	ETC	20140901
TWINE, DAVID	MKC	20140901
UNDERWOOD, STEPHEN	AMT1	20141101
UPLINGER, ERIC	EMCS	20141001
URANI, CURT	MKCS	20140901
VARLEY, ELIZABETH	CDR	20140901
VENEMA, JASON	BM1	20141105
VENENDAAL, BRADLEY	BMC	20140901
VIALVA, ALPHANSON	GMC	20140901
VICK, GREGORY	AMTCS	20140901
VICK, CHRISTOPHER	FS1	20140901
VIDAL, JEFFREY	YN2	20141106
VIGIL, JAMES	SKC	20140901
VILLACRES, WASHINGTON	MK1	20140901
VINES, DANIEL	ETC	20140901
VOWELL, JENNIFER	SN	20141113
WAGNER, DONALD	PAC	20141115
WAGUESPACK, TROY	MKC	20140901
WALKER, THOMAS	MLES3	20141001
WALLINGTON, JOHN	CDR	20140901
WALLS, SCOTT	DCC	20140901
WALTER, MICHAEL	LCDR	20140915
WALTER, TODD	BM1	20141001
WARFORD, JACK	BMC	20140901
WARNER, MICHAEL	BOSN3	20141001
WARREN, KENNETH	ETC	20140901
WASHBURN, DAVID	PERS3	20140901
WATERS, MICHAEL	MKC	20140901
WATKINS, TRUMAN	OSC	20141101
WEBB, CAVIN	GM2	20141101
WEEKS, TERRY	CDR	20141113
WELLINGTON, CHRISTOPHER	BMC	20140901
WENTZEK, WILLIAM	GMC	20140901
WHALEY, SCOTT	LCDR	20140901
WHIAT, BREANN	YN3	20141104
WHICHARD, JEFFREY	DCC	20140901
WHITAKER, MICHAEL	GM1	20140901
WHITE, MARY	YN1	20141001
WHITE, ASHLEY	HS3	20141106
WHITMORE, PHILIP	LT	20141001
WHITTY, SEAN	BMC	20140901
WIETECH, THOMAS	BMC	20140830
WIKEL, ANTHONY	ITC	20141101
WILKES, RICHARD	ET1	20140901
WILKINS, CHARLES	BMC	20140901
WILLARD, THOMAS	FSC	20140901
WILLEFORD, BYRON	CDR	20140901
WILLIAMS, SOLOMON	LCDR	20141101
WILLIAMS, CLARK	BMC	20140901
WILLIAMS, KARL	AMT1	20140901
WILLIAMS, DOUGLAS	ME1	20141108
WILLIS, FOREST	CAPT	20141120

WILSON, COVET	DC1	20140901
WINCHEL, MICHAEL	AMTC	20140901
WOLFE, GREGORY	BM1	20140901
WOLFF, ROBERT	OSC	20140901
WOLFORD, CHRISTOPHER	BM2	20140907
WOODARD, TIMOTHY	MST1	20140901
WOOLCOTT, JASON	LCDR	20141001
WOOLVERTON, GEOFFREY	MST2	20140901
WRENCH, LEE	YNC	20140901
WRENCH, BRIAN	YN1	20140901
WRIGHT, JOHN	AETCS	20140901
WRIGHT, RONALD	LT	20140901
WRIGHT, BROOKE	BM3	20140918
YOBLONSKI, JOHN	OSC	20140901
YRJANSON, RANDALL	PSC	20141011
ZOLZER, THOMAS	BMC	20140901



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KEARSE, WILLIAM	CAPT	20141001
STILES, TODD	CAPT	20141101

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ANONYE-ACHAMPONG, STELLAR	CAPT	20141001
BAER, DANA	CAPT	20141101
BATES, SUSAN	CAPT	20141101
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BROCKETT, STEVEN	CAPT	20141001
BURR, DONALD	CAPT	20141001
BUTTRICK, KELLY	CAPT	20141001
CARD, JENNIFER	CAPT	20141101
CASTRO, KENNETH	RADM	20141101
CREAGER, TERI	CDR	20141101
DAHL, MARY	CAPT	20141001
DANEL, ISABELLA	CAPT	20141101
DOWELL, SCOTT	RADM	20140901
EMMERT-BUCK, MICHAEL	CAPT	20141101
FARKAS, PAUL	CAPT	20140901
FEIGHT, ANDREA	CAPT	20141001
FERGUSON, SANDRA	CDR	20141001
GARCIA, A.	RADM	20141101
GLENN, JUDY	CDR	20140901
GLOVER, STEVEN	CAPT	20141001
GRANT, BONNIE	CDR	20141001
HIGGINS, CHARLES	CAPT	20141101
HOUK, KIMBERLAE	CAPT	20141001
JOLLY, JODIE	CAPT	20140901
JONES, CANDACE	CAPT	20140901
LITTLE, JOSEPH	CAPT	20141001
LUDWIG, SHARON	CAPT	20140901
MARTIN, KIMBERLY	CDR	20141101
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MCFARLAND, JOAN	CDR	20141101
MEANS, CECIL	CDR	20141101
NESSELER, STEVEN	CAPT	20141101
OLONE, MARTHA	CAPT	20141001
RAMSEY, FREDERICK	CAPT	20141001
RIMMEL, SANDRA	CDR	20141001
SCHOENDORF, KENNETH	CAPT	20140901
SCOTT, ERNIE	CDR	20141001
SHUMWAY, RICHARD	CAPT	20141001
SIPE, MELANIE	CAPT	20140901
SMITH, STEVEN	CAPT	20141001

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SMITH,MARTIN	CAPT	20141001
SORUM,JACK	CDR	20141101
STICHT,THOMAS	CDR	20141001
STUBBERUD,JEANETTE	CAPT	20141001
SURAMPALLI,RAO	CAPT	20141001
TAYLOR,MATTHEW	CAPT	20140901
ULRICH,LINDA	CAPT	20141001
URBAN,JOHN	CDR	20141001
VACCARELLO,RICK	CAPT	20140901
VOTAVA,BRIAN	LCDR	20141001
WATSON,JOHN	CAPT	20140901
WERMERS,RICHARD	CAPT	20140901

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The mission of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corp is to protect, promote and advance the health and safety of our nation. As America's uniformed service of public health professionals, the Commissioned Corps achieves its mission through:

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- Leadership and excellence in public health practices
- Advancement of public health science

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Provides vision and purpose in public health through inspiration, dedication, and loyalty.

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NOAA INVESTIGATES DOLPHIN SHOOTING

NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement is investigating a second human related dolphin death in the Northern Gulf of Mexico in just two weeks. Another dolphin stranded dead over the weekend, this time with a hunting arrow in its side.

Preliminary results of a necropsy (photo below), or non-human autopsy, suggest the dolphin lived with the arrow in its side for at least five days before eventually dying from a secondary infection caused by the wound.

NOAA officials seek information from anyone with details of this incident. Please call NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement in Niceville, Fla., at (850) 729-8628 or the NOAA Enforcement Hotline at (800) 853-1964 as soon as possible. Tips may be left anonymously.

People can help prevent future harm to wild dolphins by not feeding or attempting to feed them. Dolphins fed by people learn to associate people with food, causing them to remove bait and catch directly from recreational and commercial fishing gear.

They then teach these behaviors to their young. This is frustrating to fishermen and has led to an increase in human violence towards dolphins, including retaliation by fishermen frustrated by dolphins taking their bait and catch.

Harassing, harming, killing or feeding wild dolphins is prohibited under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972. Violations can be prosecuted either civilly or criminally and are punishable by up to \$100,000 in fines and up to one year in jail per violation.

To report a stranded, injured or sick dolphin, call (877) WHALE-HELP (1-877-942-5343).

NOAA's mission is to understand and predict changes in the Earth's environment, from the depths of the ocean to the surface of the sun, and to conserve and manage our coastal and marine resources.

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USCG TAPS

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	DATE	CITY	STATE
AMES	GERALD	FSC	20141009	PORT TOWNSEND	WA
ANDERSON	VERNE	CWO2	20140901	CALDWELL	ID
ANGSTROM	JOHN	HS1	20140827	HAVERHILL	MA
ARRUDA	JOHN	DCC	20141014	SOMERSET	MA
ARTHUR	CHESTER	MKC	20140910	ALTON	VA
ATKINSON	ROBERT	EM1	20140902	COCOA	FL
AVECILLA	CESAR	SD3	20140919	CONWAY	SC
BAILEY	JOAN	SK1	20140927	PONTE VEDRA	FL
BAKER	EDWARD	LT	20141122	SATELLITE BCH	FL
BALLARD	EDWARD	EN2	20140908	SALISBURY	NC
BARNWELL	WILMER	EMCS	20141007	CABOT	AR
BARROW	WINFORD	RADM	20141010	MCLEAN	VA
BAXLEY	HARRY	CWO3	20141011	MIDDLEBURG	FL
BEARINGER	VICTOR	ADCM	20140827	MOBILE	AL
BEAVER	DOUGLAS	F&S2	20140928	SPRUCE PINE	NC
BEAVER	CHARLES	BMCS	20141007	PINELLAS PARK	FL
BLANKENSHIP	JAMES	EMCM	20141007	ST LOUIS	MO
BOBROWSKI	THOMAS	CWO4	20141112	BLUFFTON	SC
BONNEY	RICHARD	ENG3	20140920	BATTLE GROUND	WA
BOONE	JOHN	MKC	20141117	HOMOSASSA	FL
BRELAND	TIMOTHY	BM2	20141002	CASSELBERRY	FL
BROGA	CHARLOTTE	LCDR	20141119	CARY	NC
BROWN	EDWARD	BMC	20140910	DELTONA	FL
BUELER	ALBERT	WEPS3	20141025	FARMINGTON	NH
BUOTTE	ROBERT	CWO4	20141119	VIERA	FL
BURKE	EVERETT	BMCS	20140927	ASHTON	MD
CALHOUN	ODIS	QMCS	20141112	COMFORT	TX
CAMPBELL	JOHN	BMC	20140917	BRUNSWICK	MD
CAVINESS	PAUL	BMCM	20140830	PORTSMOUTH	VA
CENTOSCUDI	ERNESTO	MUC	20140910	WATERFORD	CT
CHILDRESS	LEROY	SA	20141015	VERO BEACH	FL
COBURN	WAYNE	BM3	20140907	SAN ANTONIO	TX
CONNOLLY	GERARD	PSC	20141101	JUPITER	FL
COONEY	JEROME	CWO4	20141107	GARDENDALE	AL
CORSON	PETER	CDR	20140929	HAMPTON	NH
COWLES	RONALD	FS2	20141107	CONCORD	NC
CUBBON	ARTHUR	CDR	20141108	MINERAL CITY	OH
CYR	DAVID	YN2	20140924	TRAVERSE CITY	MI
DAVIS	JOHN	RDC	20140916	BENTON HARBOR	MI
DAVIS	RICHARD	CDR	20140914	ALAMEDA	CA
DEMERS	DAVID	CWO3	20141025	ZEPHYR HILLS	FL
DEUYOUR	RICHARD	EMCS	20141127	OVIEDO	FL
DINSMORE	ROBERT	CAPT	20141004	HAZLET	NJ
DOYLE	LARRY	CAPT	20141101	LEESBURG	FL
DREXLER	CLAY	CDR	20140914	POMPANO BEACH	FL
DUKE	JOHN	CAPT	20140929	BAKER CITY	OR
EDWARDS	JAMES	FT1	20140913	CAMAS	WA
ELROD	KENNETH	FN	20141110	WICHITA FALLS	TX
ERFE	RODRIGO	FSCM	20141105	PAWCATUCK	CT
FARROW	DONNIE	BM3	20141117	BUXTON	NC

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	DATE	CITY	STATE
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FENNER	DAVID	DC1	20140916	PINEHURST	NC
FIGUEIRA	JAMES	CWO2	20140830	NEW ULM	TX
FINELLI	JOSEPH	CAPT	20140831	WILLIAMSBURG	VA
FLOURNOY	JAMES	CWO4	20140828	CHEYENNE	WY
FORADORI	GEORGE	CDR	20141027	MOORESTOWN	NJ
FORD	PAUL	YNC	20141018	STURGEON BAY	WI
FULLGRABE	ADOLF	CAPT	20141112	SPRINGFIELD	IL
GESUDEN	FLORENCIO	FSC	20141114	BELLEVILLE	NJ
GILLIKIN	CLAUDE	CWO4	20141025	CORNELIUS	NC
GLENN	WALTER	EM1	20141013	VIRGINIA BCH	VA
GOW	CHARLES	LCDR	20140923	FAIRFAX	VA
GUTHRIE	GLENN	ATCS	20141028	MOUNT OLIVE	AL
HAMBLIN	THOMAS	CDR	20141018	COLORADO SPRINGS	CO
HANLEY	DONALD	CWO4	20141016	PALM COAST	FL
HARLE	RICHARD	SKCS	20141101	LAS VEGAS	NV
HARROLD	NORMAN	LT	20140914	AZALEA	OR
HARVEY	NELSON	BM1	20141105	LANCASTER	VA
HAVNER	ROBERT	CWO3	20140908	ASTORIA	OR
HENRICH	FRANCIS	ATCS	20140913	BIRDSBORO	PA
HERRON	JAMES	CWO4	20141109	VALDOSTA	GA
HICKOK	LOWELL	YNC	20141015	HAWTHORNE	FL
HILL	JOSEPH	SN	20141112	SWANSBORO	NC
HILLMAN	DENNIS	EMCS	20141010	N ATTLEBORO	MA
HODGKINSON	THOMAS	CAPT	20140928	LA JOLLA	CA
HOFFMANN	JOSEPH	CWO3	20141101	VANCOUVER	WA
JENDRYSIK	JOSEPH	AM1	20140914	BUZZARDS BAY	MA
JENKINS	PHILLIP	CWO4	20140909	CHESAPEAKE	VA
JIMENEZ	ARTURO	YN1	20141026	CAYEY	PR
JOHNSON	ALVIN	BMCS	20140912	WENATCHEE	WA
JONES	CAREY	EN1	20140919	LAFAYETTE	AL
JONES	BILLY	SKCM	20141119	MOBILE	AL
KELLEY	MICHAEL	CAPT	20140917	PALM HARBOR	FL
KERR	TIMOTHY	BM1	20140918	GRIFFIN	GA
KESSLER	PAUL	ENC	20141120	SOUTHWEST HBR	ME
KLASEK	MARY	LT	20140926	WINTER SPRINGS	FL
KOLASA	PETER	LT	20141118	UNCASVILLE	CT
KURKIEREWICZ	MARVIN	MKC	20141021	DRUMMOND ISL	MI
KUSENKO	VALERIAN	MED4	20141001	ROBBINSVILLE	NJ
LACEY	CHARLES	CWO4	20141113	JACKSONVILLE	FL
LANE	DANIEL	PS1	20140831	NEW BERN	NC
LAPLANTE	RENE	CWO2	20140922	KISSIMMEE	FL
LAWSON	JAMES	BMCM	20141030	MARYSVILLE	CA
LECKRONE	CHARLES	CAPT	20141008	PORTSMOUTH	VA
LENTZ	CARROLL	CWO2	20141011	ALLEN	MD
LINDSEY	THOMAS	CWO4	20141108	REDMOND	WA
LINSON	ROGER	PSC	20141007	SPRINGFIELD	MO
LINZY	PETER	PSCS	20141103	VIRGINIA BCH	VA
LOCKE	CLAYTON	ENC	20141127	PORT ORCHARD	WA
LUSK	CLYDE	VADM	20141023	ASHEVILLE	NC
MACCLANAHAN	JAMES	ASMC	20140917	CITRUS HEIGHTS	CA
MACKAY	JOHN	BM1	20140924	ORANGE PARK	FL
MALINOWSKI	GERALD	F&S4	20141019	MARINE CITY	MI
MARPLE	EARL	BMC	20140830	WILMINGTON	DE




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MARQUEZ	ROGACIANO	FS1	20140911	JACKSONVILLE	FL
MARSHALL	JAMES	FS1	20141030	BURLINGTON	NJ
MARSHALL	PHILLIP	MKCM	20141108	CAPE MAY C H	NJ
MASCHINOT	JAMES	MKC	20140829	PINELLAS PARK	FL
MASON	KENNETH	ETC	20141117	METAIRIE	LA
MASSENGALE	HUGH	MKC	20140902	FAYETTEVILLE	GA
MAURER	JOSEPH	PSC	20140917	MIDDLE VILLAGE	NY
MAY	ROBERT	CWO4	20140831	LAKE WALES	FL
MCCLINTON	KEITH	CWO4	20140827	OLYMPIA	WA
MCDUFFIE	DELLIS	BM1	20141018	WARNER ROBINS	GA
MCKEE	RAYMOND	MKC	20140911	MOSS POINT	MS
MCTIGUE	DENNIS	CWO3	20141002	MCMINNVILLE	OR
MEISTRELL	FRANK	BOSN4	20141011	DUNNELLON	FL
MERRITT	DANIEL	TTCM	20140928	CAPE CHARLES	VA
MIDGETT	ELWOOD	FSC	20141025	WOODHULL	NY
MILLER	DANIEL	CWO3	20141022	GUTTENBERG	NJ
MITTHAUER	LAURENCE	BMCM	20141113	FT MYERS	FL
MIZELL	GUY	CDR	20141010	DALLAS	TX
MOON	JAMES	LCDR	20141106	DANIELSVILLE	GA
MOORE	ROBERT	PO3	20141116	WAIANAE	HI
MOORE	JACK	PSC	20141016	KNOXVILLE	TN
MOORE	DONO	CAPT	20140916	GOODLETTSVILLE	TN
MUELLER	MELVIN	LT	20141117	SEGUIN	TX
NELSON	BOBBIE	BMC	20141031	SAN ANTONIO	TX
NOREM	KENNETH	MKC	20140917	POULSBO	WA
NULL	HARVEY	DCC	20141023	ELIZABETH CTY	NC
NUPOLL	EDWARD	CDR	20140902	STUDIO CITY	CA
OBRIEN	JAMES	CWO2	20141028	THE VILLAGES	FL
OLESNEVICH	CRAIG	LCDR	20141005	SAN PEDRO	CA
OLSON	ANDREW	BMC	20141122	HUDGINS	VA
OSBORNE	SILAS	MKC	20141114	OBION	TN
OUELLETTE	ARCHIE	YNC	20140921	GLENDALE	CA
PALMER	ALTON	AMC	20140902	DURBIN	WV
PANARESE	JOSEPH	MKCS	20141029	HAUPPAUGE	NY
PARKER	CLIFFORD	CDR	20141025	CLINTON	NC
PARTYKA	JOHN	QMC	20140922	PORT ORCHARD	WA
PATON	RICHARD	CDR	20141007	ELLINGTON	CT
PATRICK	MICHAEL	BM1	20140913	LAS VEGAS	NV
PEAK	PAUL	CAPT	20141019	MCLEAN	VA
PENDEGRAPH	CLAUDE	CWO4	20140929	GREENE	RI
PERRY	MERVIN	ET2	20141008	LEESBURG	FL
PETERSEN	RICHARD	CWO2	20141017	MERAUX	LA
PETTINGILL	MARC	CDR	20140829	BALTIMORE	MD
PICKETT	NORMAN	BMCM	20140911	PAHRUMP	NV
POLIAK	EDWARD	FS2	20140904	E TROY	WI
POST	HAROLD	BMC	20141029	CHINCOTEAGUE	VA
POWELL	CHARLES	BM1	20141016	SUSAN	VA
RADOSLOVICH	JOSEPH	MK1	20140928	NAPLES	FL
RAGSDALE	THOMAS	PR1	20141019	ELIZABETH CITY	NC
ROBERTS	WILLIAM	ASMCS	20141102	MASHPEE	MA
ROBINSON	CHARLES	CDR	20141107	FRANKLIN	KY
ROPER	JOHN	CS1	20141119	N CHARLESTON	SC
RORRO	NICHOLAS	EN1	20140930	WHITING	NJ

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RUTHIZER	WILLIAM	F&S4	20140927	PLAINVIEW	NY
RUTKOVITZ	JULIAN	PS2	20140924	RENO	NV
SALEM	HASSAN	CWO4	20141011	WESTMINSTER	CA
SANBORN	CURTIS	SKC	20140929	MILES CITY	MT
SAYERS	MONTY	ADC	20141106	ALBANY	OH
SAYLON	GEORGE	MKC	20140925	LAKE CITY	MI
SCHMIDT	DONALD	BMC	20140923	HARRISON TWP	MI
SEIDEL	ALFRED	CDR	20141006	CAMDEN	NC
SHELDON	ROBERT	PS1	20141023	MUNFORDVILLE	KY
SIKORSKY	EMIL	LCDR	20141120	BOWIE	MD
SKINNER	BRUCE	CWO2	20140830	GLOVERSVILLE	NY
SKOK	RICHARD	CAPT	20141009	DEER PARK	WA
SKUBE	BENJAMIN	ENCM	20140928	LUNENBURG	MA
SMITH	GARY	AT1	20141004	GIG HARBOR	WA
SMITH	RALPH	BOSN4	20141112	WARD COVE	AK
SOQUE	JAIME	FS1	20140919	E FALMOUTH	MA
SPAULDING	HARVEY	SKCM	20141118	VACAVILLE	CA
SPAULDING	GARRETT	AET1	20141022	HONOLULU	HI
SPONHOLZ	FREDRIC	CAPT	20141003	KENT	OH
SPORL	ALFRED	CDR	20140910	MECHANICSBURG	PA
SPRUILL	FOSTER	CWO2	20141023	CHESAPEAKE	VA
STEVENS	CHARLES	RMCS	20141026	GRETN	LA
STEWART	RICHARD	YN1	20141114	MALABAR	FL
STORRS	CHESTER	MKC	20141020	FORT MYERS	FL
SUGGS	RALPH	MMCS	20140925	FAYETEVILLE	NC
SUMPTER	TIMOTHY	AM2	20141125	EUFAULA	OK
SUTTON	OLIVER	SK1	20140905	LYNN	MA
SWIFT	DOUGLAS	MECS	20141112	OLYMPIA	WA
TAGUE	TERRY	WEPS4	20141113	SIOUX CITY	IA
TATMAN	ALFRED	CAPT	20141115	CROZET	VA
TAYLOR	CECIL	BM1	20141113	FRUITLAND PARK	FL
THOMPSON	CHARLES	QMCM	20141109	CAPE MAY	NJ
THOMPSON	DOYLE	CDR	20141115	BATON ROUGE	LA
TILL	WILLIAM	GM2	20141126	GLOUCESTER	VA
TIMMONS	JOHN	RMCM	20141118	ALICE	TX
TOPP	FRANK	PSC	20141031	OSHKOSH	WI
TROTTER	STEPHEN	AMT1	20141012	WELLINGTON	FL
VARNEY	FRANCIS	AEC	20141018	MILO	ME
VAUGHN	GARY	LCDR	20141017	PLANT CITY	FL
VAUGHT	TIMOTHY	BMC	20141111	N FT MYERS	FL
VERHAEG	JOHANNES	PSCM	20141027	PORT ST LUCIE	FL
WAGELI	ALBERT	AMC	20141028	BAYPORT	NY
WALETZKO	PAUL	BM3	20141019	SOUTH BEND	IN
WALTON	BERTRAM	GMCS	20141020	ST PETERSBURG	FL
WALTON	ROBERT	AM1	20140927	CONVERSE	LA
WARDLE	WILLIAM	BMCM	20140930	MOSS LANDING	CA
WEBER	ANTHONY	AMC	20140914	KISSIMEE	FL
WHITE	THOMAS	ADCM	20141008	NORTHGLENN	CO
WISE	ROBERT	MKCS	20141123	SWAN QUARTER	NC
WYNN	PAUL	MKC	20140922	FOUNTAIN	FL
YOAST	WILBUR	CWO3	20141109	MAPLE VALLEY	WA
YOUNG	RONALD	BMC	20141020	MURFREESBORO	TN
YURILLO	JOSEPH	PSCS	20140922	JENSEN BEACH	FL

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TAYLOR	LORNE	CAPT	20141016	OMAK	WA
WESCOTT	BURL	CDR	20140907	OMAHA	NE

  					
BIGALOW	LEAH	CAPT	20140903	LOCKPORT	NY
CARRICK	ROBERT	CAPT	20141112	STONE MOUNTAIN	GA
CARY	ROBERT	CAPT	20140923	ST. GEORGE	UT
CONOVER	DAVID	CAPT	20141116	BETHEL	OH
FLORES	MANUEL	LTJG	20141007	KINGSTON	OK
GARDNER	DONALD	CAPT	20141003	SAVANNAH	GA
GLINSMANN	WALTER	CAPT	20141121	ARLINGTON	VA
HANNEY	GEORGE	CAPT	20141003	PHOENIX	AZ
JOHNSON	RAYMOND	LCDR	20141029	PORTLAND	OR
KIMSEY	CHARLES	CAPT	20140920	DULUTH	GA
MORETTO	JANE	CAPT	20140902	MT DORA	FL
MORLAN	HARVEY	CAPT	20141127	DENVER	CO
NESS	ROBERT	CAPT	20140901	LITTLETON	CO
PARKER	YVES	LCDR	20141006	DURHAM	NC
PATE	NANCY	CAPT	20141005	DURHAM	NC
PYKE	DALE	CAPT	20140928	LOMA LINDA	CA
REAVIS	RICHARD	CAPT	20140830	CARSON CITY	NV
ROSENTHAL	STEVEN	CAPT	20140923	CABIN JOHN	MD
SCHUBERT	DANIEL	CAPT	20140916	AURORA	CO
SMITH	PETER	CAPT	20141123	GAINESVILLE	GA
SPETH	DANIEL	CAPT	20140909	RIO RANCHO	NM
TENNEY	ROGER	CDR	20141029	RENO	NV
WRIGHT	CHARLES	CAPT	20141004	OVERLAND PARK	KS

USCGC RELIANCE RETURNS

BOSTON, 10 Nov — The crew of [Coast Guard Cutter Reliance](#) returned to their homeport at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine on Monday, following a nine-week patrol in the Caribbean Sea supporting the Joint Interagency Task Force-South. During the deployment, the 75-member crew of the Reliance was primarily responsible for conducting counter drug operations in support of U.S. and international law. The Reliance sailed with an aviation detachment from the [Coast Guard's Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron](#) based in Jacksonville, Florida, which greatly increased the Reliance's ability to detect and interdict suspected smugglers.

The Reliance worked directly with federal and international partners at JIATF-S and the [Coast Guard Seventh District](#) to combat transnational organized crime networks operating in the Caribbean Basin. The Reliance's efforts directly contributed to the prevention of 14 metric tons of contraband from reaching American shores. During the Reliance's 63-day deployment, the cutter traveled over 6,000 miles, conducted three law enforcement boardings and conducted more than 100 helicopter launch and recovery evolutions while operating throughout the Western Caribbean.

"Two months out at sea is tough on anyone, but on the Reliance we always pulled through," said Seaman Sebastian Alvarez, a Reliance deck force member and Spanish translator. "We had our literal ups and downs, but always stayed on point." After a long, successful patrol, the Reliance's crew is happy to return home to their loved ones in time for the holiday season.

(Source: uscgnews.com)

Dependent TAPS

Name of Dependent	Relationship	Date of Death	Location
Barbara Caffrey	Wife of CAPT John Caffrey, USCG, Ret	11 Oct 2014	Shrub Oak, NY
Betty Chambers	Wife of CDR Emmerson Chambers, USCG, Ret	31 Jan 2014	Concord, CA
Berta Chavana	Wife of SKC Daniel Chavana, USCG Ret	11 Sep 2014	Corpus Christi, TX
Dorothy D. Chiswell	Wife of CAPT Benjamin M. Chiswell Jr., USCG Ret	29 Sep 2014	Lexington, KY
Florence "Flo" Cropper	Wife of CWO4 Jack Cropper, USCG Ret (dec)	03 Aug 2014	Virginia Beach, VA
Irma W. Crossman	Wife of CDR Lionel F. Crossman, USCG Ret	09 Nov 2014	Somers Point, NJ
Ann S. Davidson	Wife of ENCM Richard C. Davidson, USCG Ret	30 Sep 2014	Dover, NH
Linda P. Decena	Wife of SK1 Alfredo Decena, USCG Ret	10 May 2014	Georgetown, DE
Thomisina "Mae" Graham	Wife of CDR Stewart R. Graham, USCG Ret	27 Sep 2014	Naples, ME
Martha Ann Heyde	Wife of MKC John P. Heyde, USCG Ret	07 Jan 2014	Montgomery, TX
Beatrice L. Hood	Wife of CWO4 Robert L. Hood, USCG Ret	17 Oct 2014	Austell, GA
Wanda Horsley	Wife of MK1 Robert L. Horsley, USCG Ret	26 Sep 2014	Columbus, OH
Virginia B. Johnson	Wife of CAPT Gordon Johnson, PHS Ret	30 Aug 2014	Naples, FL
Dottie J. Kern	Wife of MK1 Marvin L. Heeter, Jr., USCG Ret	19 Oct 2014	Riverside, OH
Joan W. Hamner	Wife of CAPT James E. Hamner, PHS Ret	19 Sep 2014	Memphis, TN
Stella Q. McCray	Wife of MKC Ronald M. McCray, USCG Ret	26 Aug 2014	Lake City, FL
Cynthia L. MacDonald	Wife of MKC Michael S. MacDonald, USCG Ret	13 Oct 2014	Hudson, WI
Betty L. Marshall	Wife of EMCM George A. Marshall, USCG Ret	02 Oct 2014	Lady Lake, FL
Linda M. Sabulski	Wife of HSC Charles P. Sabulski, USCG Ret	02 Aug 2014	Mechanicsburg, PA
Judith I. Zeller	Wife of CDR Robert Zeller, USCG Ret	31 Oct 2014	Pensacola, FL
CAPT Delia Zorilla	Wife of CAPT Adolfo Zorrilla, PHS Ret	23 Feb 2014	Laguna Vista, TX

If you have lost a loved one and would like their name printed in Dependent TAPs, please contact PPC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil with their name, date of death, your name and retired rank, and city/state of residence. RAS will make appropriate updates and then forward to The Retiree Newsletter Editor. Or you can send your request in writing and mail to: Commanding Officer (RAS), Pay & Personnel Center, 444 SE Quincy Street, Topeka, KS 66683-

Book Review Guardian of Guadalcanal By Matthew M. O'Connell

For those of us enamored of history and Coast Guard History in particular, Gary Williams is to be congratulated for writing the definitive biography of our only Medal of Honor winner, Douglas A. Munro.

The Coast Guard's World War II story has not been the main focus of most of the historians concerned with this period. One can read through whole histories of the war with hardly a mention of our service's contribution to the war effort, not only in support but in action. Mr. Williams, also the author of "Seal of Honor: Operation Red Wings and the Life of LT Michael P. Murphy, USN," seeks to rectify this in his riveting portrayal of the Cle Elum, Washington native who gave his life in evacuating nearly 500 Marines who faced certain death. Munro was mortally wounded on September 27, 1942 during the battle of Guadalcanal. He became not only a Coast Guard hero but a hero to the Marines as well.



Photo from www.uscg.mil

"Guardian of Guadalcanal," subtitled "The World War II Story of Douglas A. Munro, United States Coast Guard," has been placed on the [Leader of Leaders, Coast Guard Reading List](#).

Space does not permit a full review of the book and though many of us think we know the story of Signalman First Class Munro, the reader will find his story told as if for the first time. Munro is enshrined in history as one of our greatest heroes, a hero not only for the Marines and the Coast Guard but for all Americans everywhere, a leading figure in the greatest generation who put others before himself even at the risk of his own life. He epitomizes the Coast Guard core values and the values upon which our country was founded.

Editor's notes**KEEPING RETIREE & ANNUITANT SERVICES INFORMED**

All retirees are reminded to inform PPC (RAS) as soon as possible following changes of marital status (divorce, death, annulment, marriage, just to mention some), death of a designated SBP beneficiary, or any other changes which could impact retired pay. Additionally, when you make a change with DEERS it **does not** constitute a change to your Retired Pay account since DEERS is a totally different system from RAS.

STATE TAX REMINDER: As a reminder when moving from one state to another and updating your home mailing address, don't forget to change your state tax withholdings. The retiree must request a change for state tax as an address change does not automatically change or stop the state information that the tax is being paid to.

Send your reunion or other notices to:

The Retiree Newsletter
Commanding Officer (P&D)
U.S. Coast Guard Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail: PPC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil
Phone: (toll free, U.S. only) 1-800-772-8724 or
(785) 339-2236

To receive instructions on how to obtain a **PHS Statement of Service**, contact: alex.potter@hhs.gov.

For a corrected Statement of Service send your email to: phsccassignments@hhs.gov.

Coast Guard/NOAA/PHS Retiree Personnel Locator: If you are searching for a Coast Guard/NOAA or PHS retired individual, we can help. Place your personal correspondence to that individual in a sealed envelope, making sure to include how they can get in touch with you. On the outside of that envelope, address it to them with their full name and rank/rate (for military). Please write your return address and attach a stamp on the envelope. Then, place that envelope in a larger envelope and address it to:

**Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591**

RAS will complete the person's address and place it in the mail.

Need a corrected DD-214?

If your DD-214 is incorrect and you want a corrected form, you need to send your request in writing to:

Commander (PSD-MR)
Personnel Service Center
US Coast Guard Stop 7200
4200 Wilson Blvd, Ste 1100
Arlington, VA 20598-7200

Please include your name, rank/rate, SSN/Employee ID, and date of retirement.

More DD-214 information

Great news for veterans—the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to acquire a copy of their DD-214 online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>. This will cut the waiting time veterans have had in the past waiting for copies of their DD-214s. **Note:** This website does not allow you to see or print a copy of your DD-214 but does allow you to print the request form needed to mail or fax to NPRC for obtaining a copy of your DD-214.

VA compensation payments and federal income taxes

If you retired from the USCG, NOAA or PHS based on years of service and are later given a retroactive service connected disability rating by the VA, your retirement pay for the retroactive period is excluded from income up to the amount of VA disability benefits that you would have been entitled to receive. The form 1099R reports the entire distribution because the income, when paid, was taxable under the law.

A corrected form 1099R which could support the decrease in taxable income will not be issued by PPC.

This policy is contained in the DOD Financial Management Regulations, VOL 7B and also is stated in the IRS instructions for Form 1099R, which directs that the entire income distribution will be reported if a part is taxable and a part is not taxable.

Retirees who are affected by this policy should consult a tax preparer for assistance. The retiree should provide copies of the Form 1099R and the VA Award Letter to claim a refund of taxes paid on the excludable amount.

You may also claim a refund of any taxes paid on an excludable amount in previous years by filing an amended return on Form 1040X, subject to Statute of Limitations.

Pay & Personnel Center, Retiree & Annuitant Services (RAS) - Directory Assistance

Questions, Address or Direct-Deposit Changes

If you need information or have questions about:

- ◆ Your retired or Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity payments
- ◆ Your Retired/Annuitant Statement
- ◆ IRS Form 1099R (reporting taxable income)

or you need to change:

- ◆ Your and your dependents home mailing address (for Retired/Annuitant Statement, newsletter, 1099R, correspondence)
- ◆ Your financial institution or account number for your direct deposit
- ◆ Report a change to your Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay (Note: Use Form *CG PPC-3600 Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay)

You may make the requests listed above by telephone, by fax or in writing. Our telephone and fax numbers are:

Toll free: 1-800-772-8724
Commercial: (785) 339-3415
Fax: (785) 339-3770

Allotments, SBP Coverage and Beneficiary Changes

If you need to:

- ◆ Start, stop or change an allotment (you may use Form *CG PPC-7221 Retired Allotment Authorization Form, fax in the form or a written request, call us or send us an e-mail request).
- ◆ Report a change to your Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage (must be in writing)

You may fax your request to (785) 339-3770 or mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

(*) Note: forms available from our website
<http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/forms>

E-mail: PPC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil

Website: <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ras/>

Income Tax Withholding Changes

If you need to:

- ◆ Start or change the amount of State Tax Withholding (Retirees can call, e-mail, fax or use *IRS Form W-4, or state form. **If using IRS form, indicate that the form is for State Income Tax Withholding, not federal, which state it's for and the dollar amount to be withheld, (minimum amount is \$10.00, no cents)).** We cannot withhold state tax for annuitants
- ◆ Change your Federal Income Tax Withholding (Retirees use Form W-4, Annuitants use Form W-4P)
- ◆ Change exemptions or additional withholding

Federal tax changes **must** be in writing. The original Form IRS W-4 or W-4P must be mailed to PPC (RAS) for action and filing, per IRS requirements. PPC (RAS) cannot accept a faxed W-4 or W-4P. Please mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

(*)Note: forms available from our website
<http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/forms>
or directly from the IRS

Report of Death

To report the death of a Coast Guard, NOAA or PHS retiree/annuitant call:

Toll free: 1-800-772-8724
Commercial: (785) 339-3415
Fax: (785) 339-3770

Or write:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail articles, dependent taps entries, reunion notices, etc., to PPC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil or call us at the numbers listed below. The deadline for the next issue is **Feb 9, 2015**

RETIREE CUSTOMER SERVICE

1-800-PPC-USCG/1-800-772-8724

Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites

Medical/Dental Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Eligibility (DEERS)/ID Cards	1-800-538-9552 (TTY/TDD) 1-866 363-2883	http://www.tricare.mil/deers In CA: 1-800-334-4162; In AK & HI 1-800-527-5602
Mail-Order Pharmacy	1-877-363-1303	http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/Prescriptions/Filling Prescriptions/TMOP
Retiree Dental Plan	1-888-838-8737	http://www.trdp.org
TRICARE Overseas	1-888-777-8343	http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Regions/RegionsNonUS
TRICARE United States	phone numbers on their website	http://tricare.mil
TRICARE For Life	1-866-773-0404	http://www.tricare.mil/tfl/default.cfm
Senior Pharmacy Program	1-877-363-6337	http://tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Eligibility/WhoIsEligible/MedicareBeneficiaries
Federal Long-Term Health Insurance	1-800-582-3337	http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/
CG Health Benefits Advisor	1-800-942-2422	
Veterans Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Department of Veterans Affairs	1-800-827-1000	http://www.va.gov
Insurance Information	1-800-669-8477	http://www.insurance.va.gov
Veterans Group Life Insurance		http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm
New VGLI Applications and VGLI Reinstatements: OSGLI PO Box 41618 Philadelphia, PA 19176-9913	1-800-419-1473 Overseas phone (973) 548-5699 Overseas fax # (973) 548-5300	Death and accelerated benefits claims only: Fax: 1-877-832-4943 All other fax inquiries: 1-800-236-6142 or e-mail: osgli.claims@prudential.com All other inquiries: osgli.osgli@prudential.com General Correspondence: Office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance 80 Livingston Avenue Roseland, NJ 07068-1733
Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents	1-800-827-1000	http://www.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.asp VA Pamphlet 80-02-1
Headstones and Markers	1-800-697-6947	http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm
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Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites

Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
Final Active Duty Pay	1-866-772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ses/ Commanding Officer (SEP) USCG Pay & Personnel Center 444 SE Quincy St Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Contact PPC (SEP) for information on Severance Pay, Separation Pay, Disability Severance Pay, LES's, IRS Form W-2.		
Travel Claims	1-866-772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/tvl.asp Send final travel claim to: Commanding Officer (TVL) USCG Pay & Personnel Center 444 SE Quincy St. Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Service Records	(314) 801-0800	http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/ Write to: National Personnel Records Center Military Personnel Records 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138-1002
Veterans or next-of-kin of a deceased veteran can log on http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records and make requests. All others must write in and include complete name, rank/grade, SSN, dates of service and date of birth of the veteran. DD-214s are also available via the website.		
Social Security	1-800-772-1213	http://www.ssa.gov
WWII U.S. Merchant Marine Awards and Decorations	(202) 366-2646	http://www.marad.dot.gov/contact_us.html Maritime Administration U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590 Attn: Patricia Thomas, W25314
National Coast Guard Retiree Council Help Desk Telephone/E-mail "HOTLINE"	(202) 475-5381 or toll free 1-866-664-6245 (ext 55381)	E-mail: NRHDesk@gmail.com

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